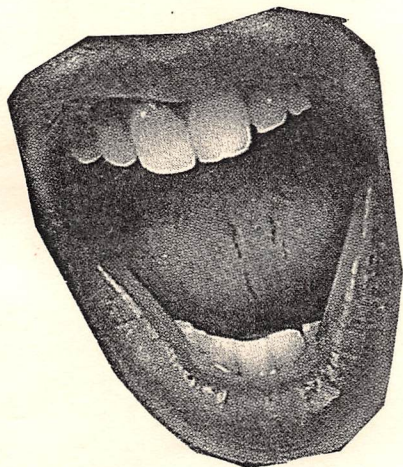
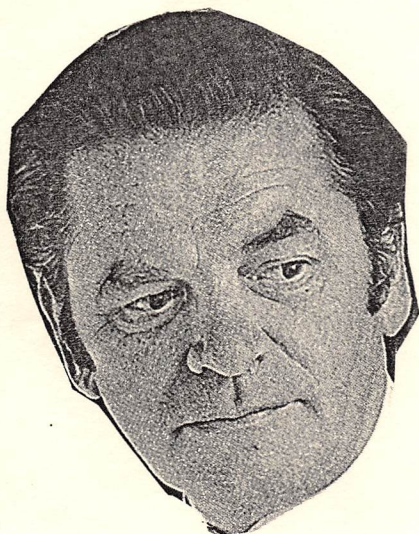


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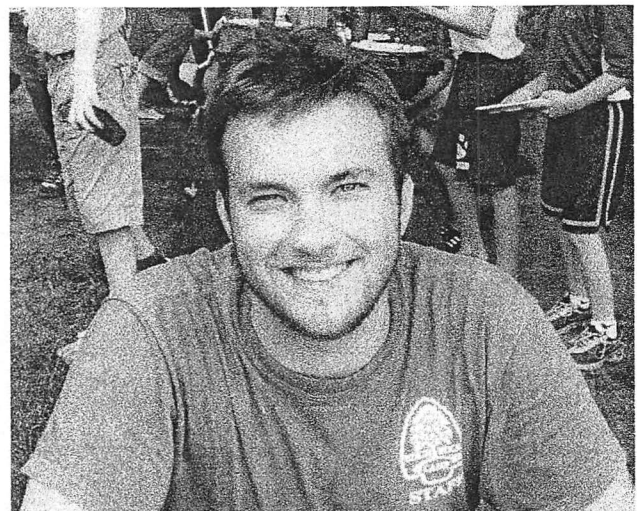
This year we are proud to dedicate the Biroca to two gentlemen who have been faithful stewards of what it means to be a Birch Rocker for a combined 24 summers.

Erik Joelsson, in addition to keeping us all safe on the waterfront, is a huge part of what keeps this place running. He is the first to volunteer for any job, and over a decade on staff has earned the unequivocal respect of campers and counselors alike for his patience, work ethic, and constant presence as a great friend and listener. In a long waterfront tradition dating to Pete Haas and beyond, Erik embodies what it means to put others ahead of oneself.

Mike "Nurdy" Nordblom reminds us all daily of the importance of fun and the power of a positive attitude. He has served Birch Rock in many of its most difficult and crucial roles including Trip Leader, MWA leader, and Head Counselor. Most recently he has taken on this demanding position all while making his first priority doing everything he can to help staff and campers alike, put a smile on everyone's faces, and demonstrate the importance of "Help the Other Fellow". His unwavering focus on how he can make it a better day for those around him is an important reminder of the ideals to which we all endeavor.

These two mentors and leaders have left a lasting impact on us all through their dedication and selflessness. They have our heartfelt thanks for all of their hard work and devotion.

-The Biroca Staff



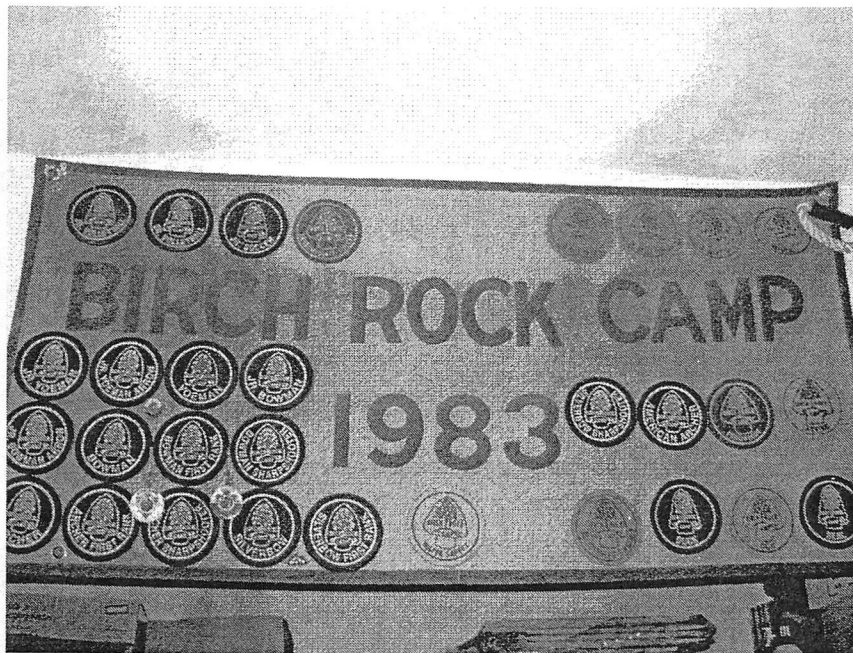
A VIEW FROM THE TOP

BY MIKE MATTSON

What a wonderful summer we've all had here together at the Rock. This season I was impressed by the staff right away and knew they were going to make it a great year. I thank each and every one of them from the bottom of my heart for all their hard work and dedication. I've seen so many of our staff grow up to be fine young gentlemen so combining them with an elite more experienced group gave us one Hotei of a good staff.

As for the campers, we thank them all for trying new things, learning to be patient in an impatient world, and just smiling. We ask all the campers to continue to be outstanding young citizens in society and listen closely to the mentors they have at home, but most importantly don't be in such a rush to grow. Put your head where your feet are, Listen and Learn. Someday you will be teaching the generation behind you. Spread the camp word! Bring more fine young men into our community so we can increase the number of gentlemen in the world.

Finally, I ask the campers to be good to their families and thank those who helped get you to this wonderful place called Birch Rock. Most importantly, above all else, **HELP THE OTHER FELLOW!** We'll see you all back here next summer for more fun in the sun (and rain).

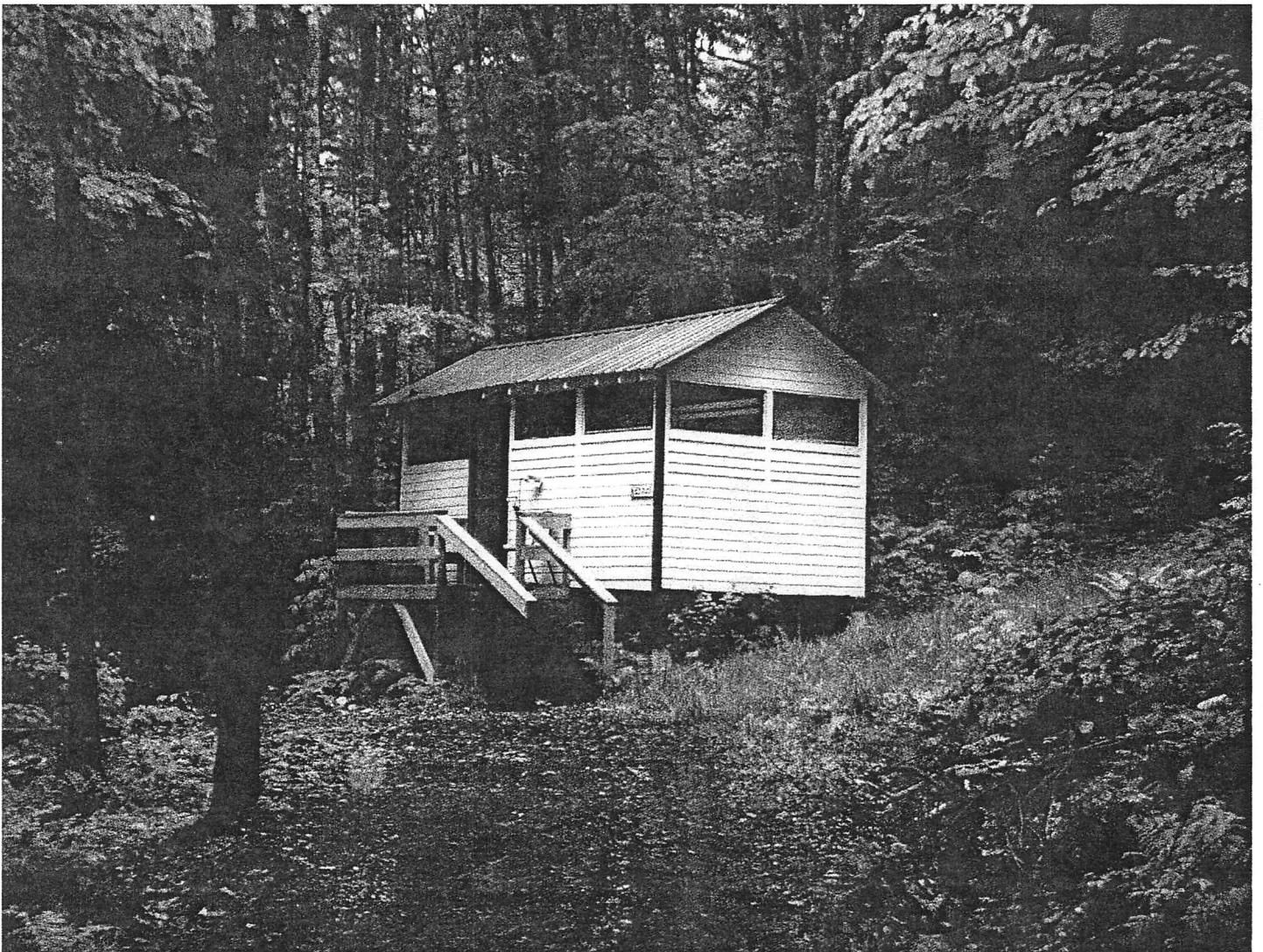


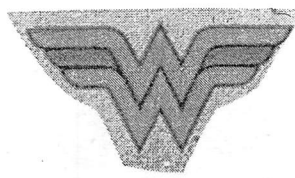
My banner's still hanging, is yours?

A View Of the Bottom

I like my new cabin it's quieter and used to be the lower camp wash house but there are no historical pictures of it because no one thought "Hey, maybe someday this cabin will be lived in by someone and they will want to put an old picture of it in the Biroca Blast of when people went to the bathroom in it."

- RYNO





Health Report

From The Brewster Lodge

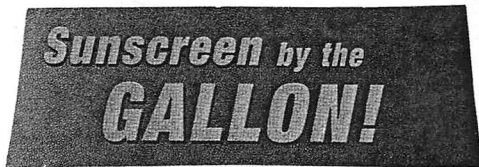
Things were pretty soggy around camp for the month of June and most of July. We made our best attempt to have everyone in rain gear with dry socks. The only things that thrived were the potato garden and the bugs.

This was the summer of injuries; a broken arm during evening activity, a broken arm at the soccer tournament, a rolled ankle on MWA, and ending beach day with a dislocated shoulder. Everyone managed to keep the spirit after their trip to the hospital and the water proof cast kept on guy swimming.

This year at BRC due to the diligence and hard work of campers and staff we managed to avoid an outbreak of H1N1, also known as Swine Flu. The Vitamin C at breakfast helped keep our immune systems strong, and last I heard the board was thinking of investing in the hand sanitizer industry, deet, and after-bite.

We drank our water to stay hydrated, wore sunscreen in between the raindrops to protect our skin, and stayed entertained by the endless antics in our community we call home for the summer.

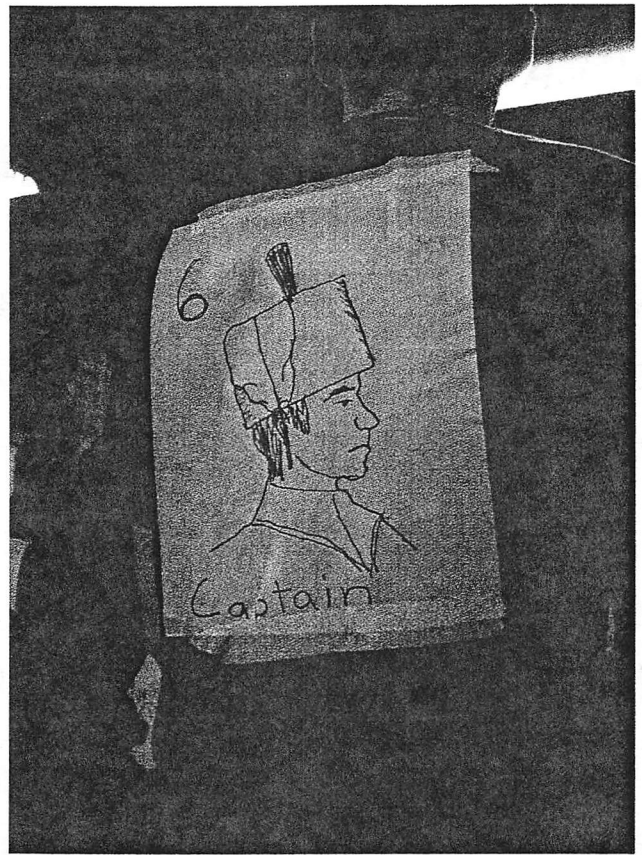
--Cathy "Wonder Woman" Roland



Hydration!

Human





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INSPECTION 2009

Well, it was another solid year for inspection. Much time was spent sweeping unswept floors, making unmade beds, decluttering cluttered rafters, and tidying untidy shelves.

A few campers deserve special mention as frequent best bed contenders, most notably Gabe Dreyer, Ben Semmes, Nate Howard, and Spaulding Goetze.

Winning the inspection standings in the first session was Owl's Perch. As for the second session it is still to be determined, but the bold crew from Pete's Palace is narrowly in the lead as this goes to press.

In addition I thoroughly enjoyed playing inspection chess with you all. Hats off to Cabin 7, who used a daring attack with their queen to defeat me.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work keeping things clean, and don't forget to use those new found tidying skills all year round.

-The Weaz



ARCADE '09

The Pete's Palace Arcade has been a senior camper privilege ever since it was built. This year faux senior campers used the arcade in a wrongful manner during the first three and a half weeks. Mike Mattson stopped this when he decided that it was morally and ethically wrong, much to the dismay of Jimmy Scanlon, Alex McLaughlin, Peter Burke, and Henry Smith. This year, we reopened the secret entrance across McWain Hill Road, so cleverly disguised as an "outhouse." In a Get Smart telephone booth fashion, we rerouted the abandoned sewage line pipe directly into the underground lair. It required much Comet and bleach to clean the prehistoric fecal matter. This myriad of tubing and tunneling meets up with the access point near the Cabin 8 stump, making it all the more enjoyable for Gabe, Ben, Will, eh Luis, and now other Will. I can only disclose this information because the new pipe setup is actually a labyrinth under Sanderson's field, and knowing this information will help you very little, without the proper map decoded from the back of the engraving of Buck Hard on the South wall of the lodge. The original entrance remains the same, although it is harder to get to due to the new Pete's Palace showers. Late second session, Mike Mattson managed to move Andrew Clemence's milk cow into the arcade taking up a lot of our space. We are pretty sure that whenever we leave the room she lies down on the couch, because there is a cow shaped dent in the center pillow. She is able to get the water and grass she needs from the now quite large crack in the cement foundation. While Doug is on MWA it has been a mad dash to knock him off every single one of the high score boards, especially Time Crisis 2. The annual new addition to the arcade this year was a NASCAR dual racing game, donated by Mystro.

A quick inventory of this year's arcade:

Wii, de-crisco-ed of course

Xbox 360

Pac-Man

PS2

Time Crisis 2

NASCAR Dual Racers

SWEET TIMES

And on loan from the Dry-Gabe Command Center: NES; SNES; N64, with great games such as Mortal Kombat II for SNES, Madden '95 for SNES, Diddy Kong Racing for N64, and the classic Super Mario Bros./Duck Hunt dual cartridge for NES

NOTE: Any non-senior camper claiming to have seen the arcade is a blatant liar. As you can surmise, it's just not possible.

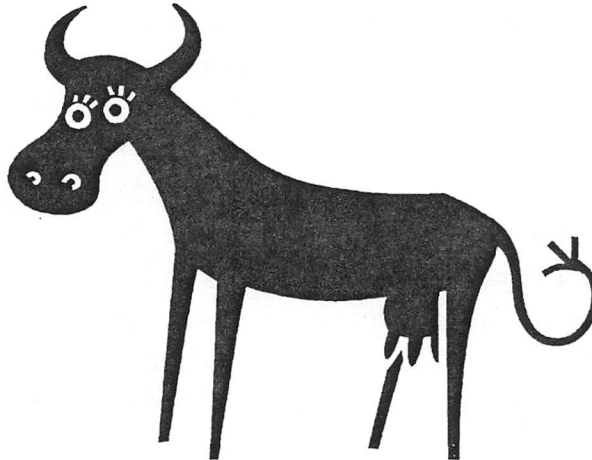
--Keep on gaming...TFW

G-FUNK the COW

Mooo...My name is G-Funk and I am the cow that lives behind Pete's Palace. I was purchased from Pride Farm, by Mike Mattson, in a desperate attempt to save money on the budget. My sole purpose is to provide milk for Andrew Clemence who lives above my pasture on the Pete's Palace porch. Mike figured that since Andrew consumed so much milk, it would be cost effective to purchase me so the

could be campers. I have downstairs into the Pete's to begin my production

Andrew won't be production rates, to the magnetic which extracts



rest of the milk distributed to the recently moved arcade below fall/winter milk regiment. Since here to control my he hooked me up milk-o-macker, precise amounts of

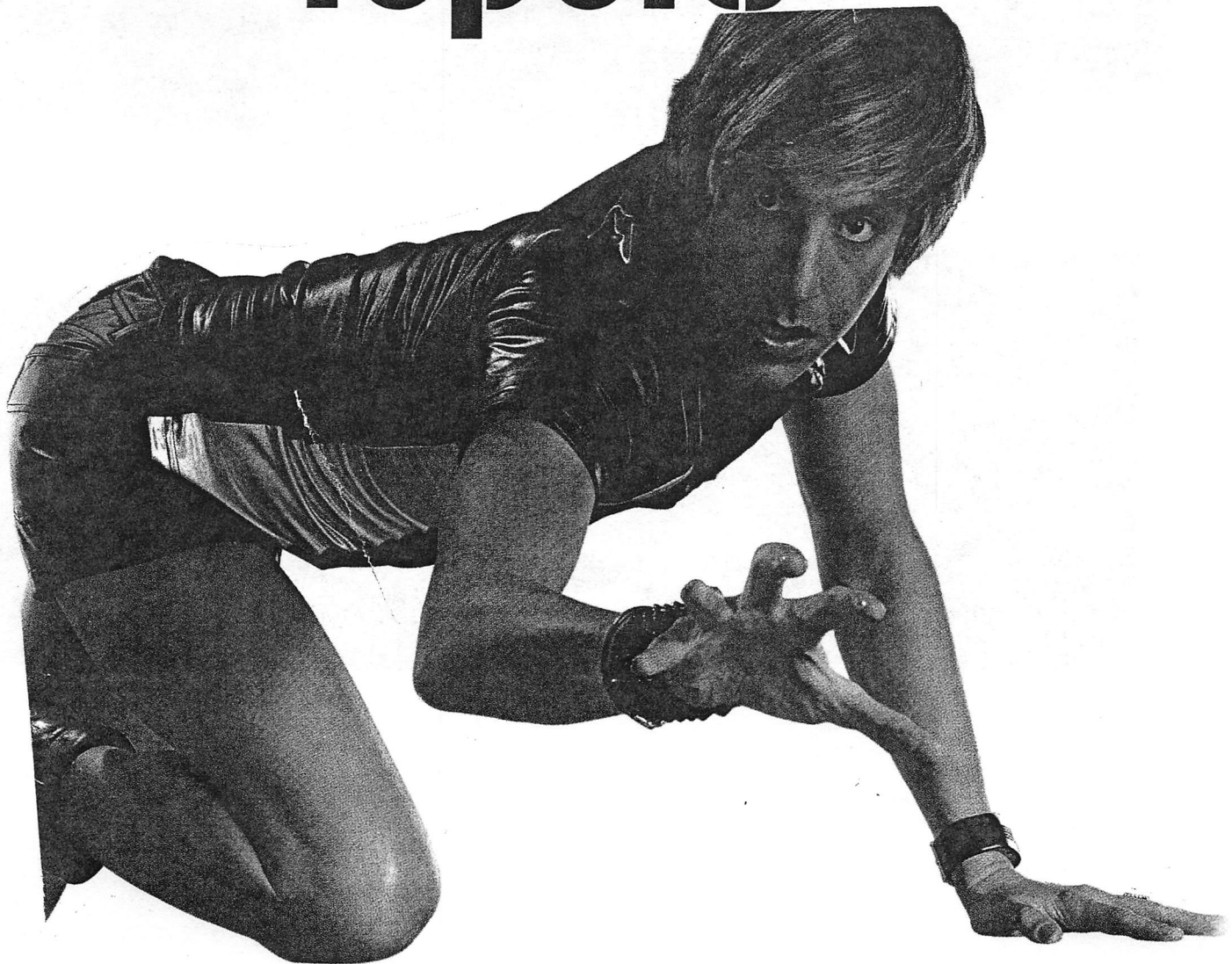
milk and stores them in air tight containers for the winter. The machine comes with a variety of settings to produce anything from skim milk to thick cream in .25% increments. This year's model also has been equipped with flavor sensitive nozzles which, if programmed correctly, can inject different flavors into the blend, such as chocolate or strawberry. My life here behind Pete's is very different from my old life down at Pride Farm, but Andrew has been a very good owner and I am more than happy to do a good deed for Birch Rock Camp, by donating my milk to him. Like you guys always say "Help the Other Fellow". Cya next summer!!!

-G-Funk

p.s. GOT MILK?



cabin reports



HILTON -A- CABIN REPORT

Hilton A is a great cabin. They have David Herzig, Nick Davis and Jack Duggan. Their CIT is Will Brewster and their counselor is Joe Cohen. David likes camcraft, lacrosse and baseball; Nick likes camcraft, art and kayaking; Jack likes camcraft, archery and woodshop.

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of discovery!*

WHO CARES WHAT
TIME IT IS.™

Hilton B

1st Session

This year in Hilton B we had five peeps. No we did not have a totally lame 2:3 ration like so many of the other lower camp cabins. We had one staff member, four campers, and an everlasting urge to party. Our counselor was Pickles "One-Man Wolfpack" Lynn. He is 20 years old pause not, and attends Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. He is the coolest counselor. He teaches swimming, kayaking, tennis, and hotay. He is a total bro. Xander "Da-Ha" Schaedel is from Cape Elizabeth, Maine. He is criminally insane. His favorite activities are art, basketball, and kayaking. James "Topps" Hastings is a member of the FC mafia. His favorite activities are art, campcraft, and basketball. It is extremely difficult to write a joke about James. We had a Buddhistattra in our cabin this year, the honorable Joseph "Hotay" Ingraham or Ingraturkey as he likes to be called. Joe's favorite activities are swimming, tennis, basketball, and campcraft. Joe was the best bed maker in the cabin which does not say much considering that we are Hilton. Grant "Red Ranger" Headrick claimed that he was from Burlington, Vermont, but we all no that he was in the Special Forces. His favorite activities were nature, campcraft, and soccer. We had a lot of fun this year, and we all hope to return next year.



Cabin One

1st Session

Cabin 1 filled with fun that was our motto during the first session of 2009. It definitely showed as we had lots of fun every day. The kids in our cabin were Mercer Lynch who's favorite activity was kayaking. John "Birdman of Alcatraz" Berman enjoyed music. Maxamillian Fredrick Charles Naipier-Kane liked everything, and Hank Robbins loved lax. Our CIT was Ben Howard who enjoyed beating us in poker. Our counselor was Alasdair Hayward Thornton who enjoyed making art and having his deodorant stolen. All and all it was a fun year and we wish it never ended.

**DIFFERENT
IS A
VIRTUE**

**it needs to grunt
it grunts.**

Cabin 2

1st Session

This summer in Cabin Two, we had a fun time. There were four campers in our cabin. They were Sears Schulz, Matthias Goodwin, Aidan Clark, and Thomas Gross. Sears' favorite activities were tennis, kayaking, and campcraft. Matthias enjoyed soccer, basketball, and tennis. Aidan had fun in archery, campcraft, and canoeing. Thomas was pumped for lax bro, campcraft, and woodshop. Our counselor Nolan taught campcraft and was fun to be around. Also since he plays LAX (not the airport) like Thomas, he is a Cape bro. Our CIT Harry also helped out with campcraft and has his Ranger badge. This year was fun so we are pumped for next year.

**SPARK YOUR
OWN RALLY.**

CABIN THR33

First session in Cabin Three was amazingly fun. We only had three campers: Praxedes, Noah, and Peter. The counselor was Wes and our CIT was Jake. Praxedes' favorite activity was campcraft, Noah liked to play tennis, and peter was always schooling kids on the b-ball court. We also enjoyed playing Uno and Gin Rumi. For our trip we all went to the crooked river with cabins, 1 + 2, Cole and Doug. We all enjoyed our stay here at the rock and we'll all be back next year.

**The Power
of Camp**

STUFF

Cabin 4

1st Sesh

Cabin four was a great cabin. We had Alec Westbrook, Nick Hall, Nick Dalissandro, and Trevor McLaughlin. It was a bro cabin and we liked our activities. Alec was partial to nature and lax, Nick found his calling in art and music with the Davis', Trevor did improvisational dancing/skateboarding, and Nick Hall just bro'ed out at everything. RD and Jake Cahill were our counselor and CIT, and they were coo'. We can't wait to come back next year.

LITTLE SWIMMERS.

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Cabin 5

1st Session

First sesh of the oh nine BRC season was rocktacular, the cabin CIT was some dude Jamie Foley. The counselor of the cabin and main bro from Mo-town, EnJay was Cole Schlecht. He came late because he was having a pre-camp bro sesh to prepare for the real brosest a/k/a BRC and Cabin 5. Alex "Judo Yellow Belt" Dowd was pretty crazy and off the shizzle dizzle. He likes hot chocolate and long walks on the beach. Oh yea did I mention he knows the #1 Judoist in America? Speaking of America Marco Fois didn't live there, he was from the Republica Dominica in between Puerto Rica and eh-Cuba, y le gusta habla espanol con el gringo counselor Cole. Marco also likes playing card games. Gordon was the only 3 ½ weeker and was a definite bro. He owned a lax stick and liked sanding wood. Cabin 5 had a pet mouse who would visit time to time named Stuart. He bro'ed out. Cabin 5 first sesh was a brotest and we all had eh blast. Oh WORD?!!!!!!?

The logo for Tombstone, featuring the word "TOMBSTONE" in a bold, white, serif font with a thick black outline. The text is set against a black, curved background that resembles a tombstone or a piece of fabric. A small registered trademark symbol (®) is visible at the bottom right of the word.A black banner with white text that reads "Save the calories for bacon." The banner is tilted upwards from left to right. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

CABIN SIX

1st Session

Cabin Six this session has been awesome! We've all made friends with each other and we all love being around each other. One of the campers we all love is Lance Napier-Kane. He is a non-stop ball of energy who just loves to sing and say crazy things like "Buenas Nachos!" He's 12 years old and lives in Delaware. Then there is Walker Grimes, a/k/a Tex. He is a funny guy who can plow through a book in one day, and is practically the equivalent of Stephen Hawking. He's 12 years old as well and lives in Maine. Also, there's Eduardo Alvarez. He's twelve and lives in the Dominican Republic. He teaches us to say things in Spanish and is the deepest sleeper I know. Then there's THE GAGE Wheeler, a kid who everyone in the cabin thinks is going to be a writer because he wrote an eight-page musical for campfire. He is also known as 12-Gauge. He lives in New Hampshire. Our C.I.T. Chris Rios says he's from Florida, or "Florida" as we've deciphered. He's 16, and loves to play his guitar and read. Last but not least is our counselor Bob Donahue, also 17, and from Illinois. He's like seven feet tall and loves to work on a canoe he whittled. Our session was so much fun, we tried new things, and can't wait for our next year at the rock!

PERFECT

be part of the equation

CATCH THE ACTION!

CABIN 7

1st Session

This year Cabin 7 was awesome! Nous avons eu Armand Triet de France, qui a aimé le tennis, et a joué le foot. We also had Ben Chapin whose favorite activities were baseball, basketball, and woodshop. Nate Howard was in our cabin too. His favorite activities were lacrosse, mountain biking, and sailing. This cabin also housed Eli Ross whose favorite activities were art, soccer, and basketball. The staff members were Ryan McElroen as a counselor and Bruce Manning as a CIT. Ryan taught tennis and swimming. Since Bruce was a CIT he taught everything.



**GET
GAME
ON.**

Cabin 8

All Sesh Babe

In the best of the two senior camper cabins this year, we had Ryan "The King" Royalty, of Groton, Massachusetts as our counselor, Ben Semmes of South Portland, Maine, Will Alexander of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, Gabe Dreyer of Newton, Massachusetts, and eh Luis Marquillas of Bilbao, eh Spain. We all got along great and had an excellent final camper year.

Sadly, on July 25th, eh Luis had to leave us. His grandmother was celebrating her 80th birthday, and he needed to return home to give her all the presents he made for her. We were sad, but he was soon replaced by a good friend of Will A's, Will Goduti, also from Cape. He was a bro even though he was only around for the last week and a half of camp.

Common things one would hear when passing Cabin 8:

- "gave. **gave**. Gave. GAVE. GAVE! **GAVE!!**"
- "eh what?"
- "iz for my fazer."
- "We don't do that in America."
- "They don't have iPods in Spain."
- "I DON'T CARE!"

DRIVEN

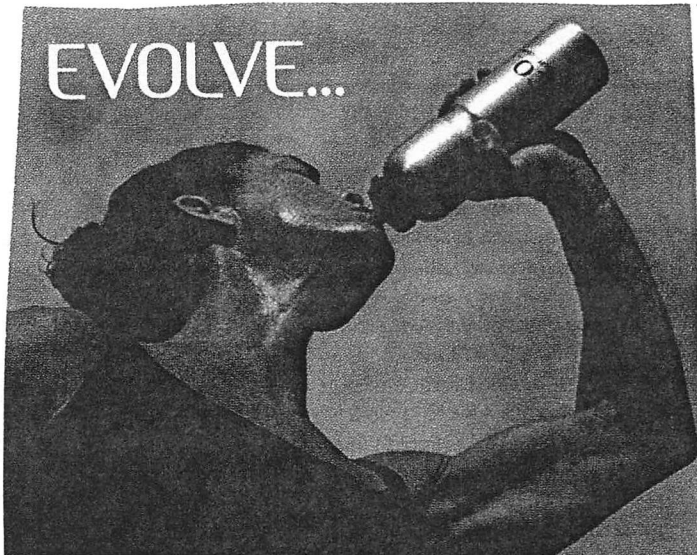
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Eagles Nest Cabin Report

Our cabin this year was pimped-out yo. We have a bunch of people that shred it to the gnar. We have Henry Cleaves from South Portland, ME. His favorite activities are tennis, art, and library. Next we have Jonathan Tuffy, his favorite activities are windsurfing, sailing, and art. He is the coolest kid in the cabin because he's from Hanover, MA. We also have Patrick McLaughlin from New Joyzee. He's a bro. His favorite activities are campcraft and sailing. Up next, Demetrio Rodriguez who is from the Dominican Republic really totally likes soccer. We also have Ben Cohn, a really clumsy kid from Bronx, NY. His favorite activities are baseball and campcraft. Nick Cogswell was the craziest of them all. He is from Barrington, IL. His favorite activities are swimming, art, and inspection. Next up, Ben Dlin from Philly. His favorite activities are riflery, baseball, campcraft, nature, and art. Lastly, we have Zack Bamberger from Israel. His favorite activities are basketball and soccer.

CABIN NICKNAMES

Demetrio "That's So Offensive" Rodriguez
Ben "The Light Bulb Smasher" Cohn
Jonathan "From the land down-under" Tuffy
Henry "Can I go to Buzzards Roost?" Cleaves
Ben "Benji" Dlin
Nick "Double Period Swimming" Cogswell
Zack "The Big Menorah" Bamberger



Buzzard's Roost

1st Session

In Buzzard's Roost first session '09 we had Henri "France is the Winner" Montalembert from Paris, France. His favorite activity was tennis. Next was Jeremy "J-Lif" Lifter of Columbus, Ohio. His favorite activities were campcraft and canoeing. Ted Apt of Bernardsville, New Jersey liked sailing and basketball. There was Nate Geremia of Dover-Sherborn, Massachusetts, who liked mountain biking, tennis, and windsurfing. Andrew Street George of Philadelphia, P.A. enjoyed baseball, tennis, and basketball. Mike Dalissandro of Beverly, Massachusetts liked sailing, library, and art. Zach Attack Cohen of Darien, Connecticut liked windsurfing, basketball, tennis, and archery. Jeremiah Goodwin of Hebron, Maine was great at riflery. Sammy D of Falmouth, Maine and Matt Norgate of England were out counselors.

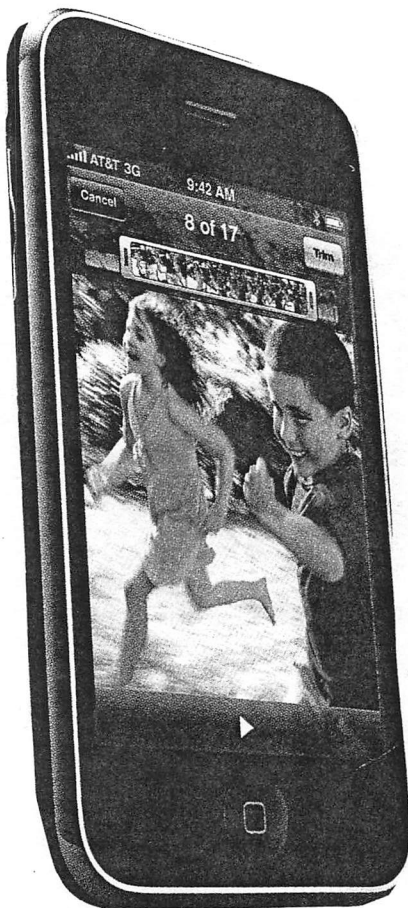
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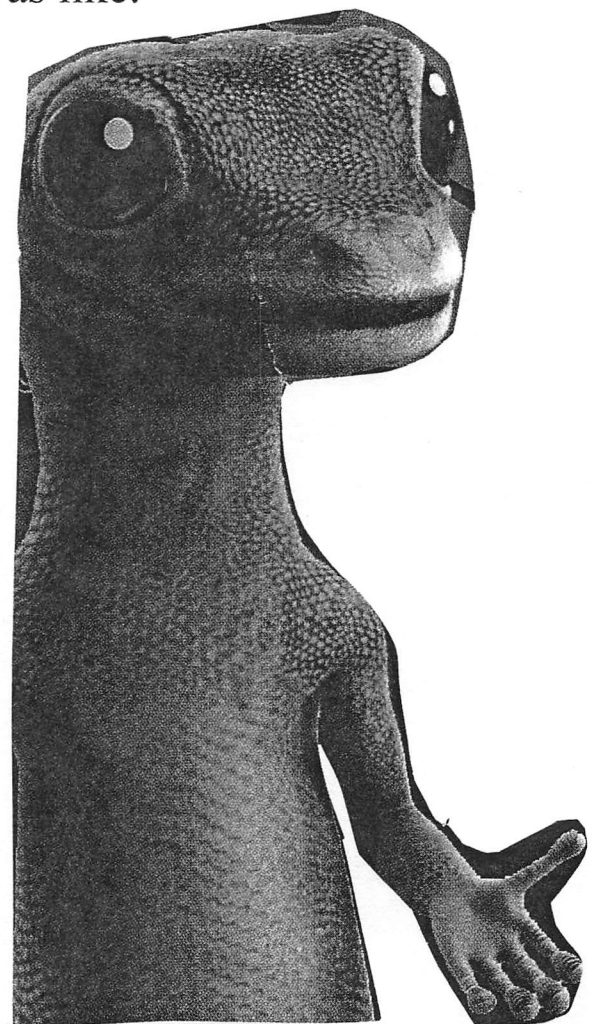
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1st Session

First session in Owl's Perch there was Matt, Ben F, Louis, Jose, Preston, Spaulding, Curtis, and Eli. Matt is from Florida, and liked basketball and windsurfing. Ben F comes from Maine and his favorite activities were tennis and campcraft. Louis, from France, liked woodshop and campcraft. Jose comes from a place near Neverland called the Republic of Dominica. He liked baseball and soccer. Preston is from Connecticut and his favorite activities were campcraft and art. Spaulding from Colorado liked sailing and woodshop. Curtis is from Brooklyn and bro-ed out at lax. Last but not least is Eli from New Hampshire where they don't have a sales tax and his favorite activities are basketball and tennis. That is what the Perch of '09 was like.



HAMMER



Pete's Palace First Session Cabin Report

Pete's Palace was a bro cabin first session. With Andrew Clemence as our counselor, we shredded gnar every day. Our cabin was made up of eight bro, gentlemen, senior campers. Two of them were really only 14, but are still considered senior campers. One of those 14-year-old senior campers was Jimmy Scanlon from Cumberland, Maine. He enjoyed playing basketball and chilling down at the waterfront. The other 14-year-old senior camper was Alex McLaughlin from Montgomery, New Jersey. He enjoyed mountain biking and basically any other athletic activity. Another camper in our cabin was Nathaniel Young from Burlington, Vermont. He enjoyed playing tennis and swimming at instructional swim. Next was Connor "the Expert" McLaughlin from Basking Ridge, New Jersey. He enjoyed riflery and swimming at instructional swim. Then there was Peter Burke from Naples, Florida. He enjoyed swimming and art. There was also Ryan Boothby from Brewer (right across the river from Bangah), Maine. He also enjoyed playing tennis and riflery. Ben Duvall from Newton, Massachusetts was also in our cabin. He enjoyed archery and swimming. Last, but not least there was Henry Smith from Belmont, Massachusetts. He enjoyed soccer and swimming. That was Pete's Palace first session. We all had a great time sharing a cabin with one another.



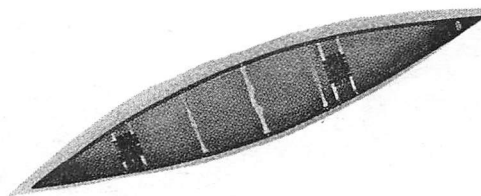
THE SUPREME LEADER

Hilton A

2nd Session

This session in Hilton was totally awesome. First we had Kyle Perkins from Hopkinton, Mass. He was a Cubs Camper and he liked swimming his duck and kayaking. Next we had Phillip Droste from Mainz, Germany. He liked hugging Ben Howard and Gabe Dreyer and archery, he was also a Cubs Camper. We also had Nick Davis from Auburn, ME. His parents worked at camp. He enjoyed art and kayaking. Last, but certainly not least we had Brad Schlauder from Gales Ferry, CT. He liked canoeing and woodshop. Hilton A was a total sesh second session and we had a great time together.

**Break away from the
everyday...**



Hilton B

2nd Seshhon

Second session Hilton B might as well have been called Hilton Bro because it was so chill. Even before the campers arrived, the B started out strong importing Will "Brewster" Brewster from the ever-distant Hilton A. Will is from parts unknown and enjoyed teaching bro-lax, tennins and being the subject of nightmares. The first camper to arrive was Connor Kelly from Scarborough, Maine. His favorite activities were kayaking, canoeing and basketball. Our next camper was Asa "Padawan" Kaplan from Newton?, Mass. Asa's favorite activities were art, tennis and campcraft. Lucca "Chewbaccaaaaaaaaa" Carvalho was also from Newton, Mass. His favorite activities were tennis and campcraft. Lucca also enjoyed eating candy and brawling with Griffdog. Griffin "the Grulk" Baxter or Griffdog as he was more commonly known hailed from New Hampshire and could be found at tennis, art or library almost every day. The final member of our cabin was Pickles "the Professor" Lynn, a handsome 20 year old pause not who attends Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. Pickles taught tennis, kayaking, swimming, shredding the gnar and the art of magic. We all had a great time this summer and hope to return next year.

If you want to see the future



CABIN 1

2nd Session

Cabin 1 was filled with fun. It was a cabin filled with entertaining jokes. It was a great cabin. In our cabin was Ben Foisy from Kennebunk, ME he excelled in the fields of kayaking canoeing and cabin trips. There was Maximalian Fredrick Charles Napier-Kane from Milton Delaware. Max was the star of the activities campcraft archery and woodshop. Cabin mate Hank Robbins was an ultimate Lax Bro, from Weston CT. last but not least (probably most) Master Morgan A. Pratt (A. = awesome) from Scarborough, ME. Morgan was the best around town at canoeing, basketball, and baseball. Our dynamic duo of leadership consisted of not only Alasdair Thornton but also Ben Howard as our CIT.



Fuzzy math

SPECIAL ISSUE

Cabin 2

2nd Session

Our Cabin was a magnet of fun. Our three cubs campers gravitated around our full session camper Matthias Goodwin. Joey, Edward, and Hudson stayed for cubs camp but had equally as much fun. Hudson was the Westchesterite with the willingness to have fun of somebody whose job it is to have fun. Besides having the coolest name in our cabin Joey Needle was our cabins elite archer/wilderness man, who would defiantly come for 3½ weeks next summer. Edward was the cabin's warrior with scars to prove it. The third day of camp he went out in the field to defend birch rock in a tournament of the ages. He was one out of a handful that returned, he was lucky enough to have one arm and two legs unbroken.

"Nolan Sullivan is a Blue Banana, He and Harry Netzer are our countius (counselors)"

-Cabintwoian (translated from Chicken scratch)



**LET FAME
GO TO YOUR
HEAD.**

**FIGHT
THE RAYS**

By Sylvia Alarid

SUNSCREEN IS ONLY THE FIRST LAYER OF DEFENSE

Cabin 3

2nd Session

This year in Cabin Three we had a great time. The people in our cabin were Toby Young, Victor Santiago, Praxedes Castillo, and Jacob Wacht. Toby like Tennis, Victor liked Baseball, Jacob liked sailing and Praxedes like tennis too. We had a brotastic time and this year was awesome.



SALE

Big On Bass

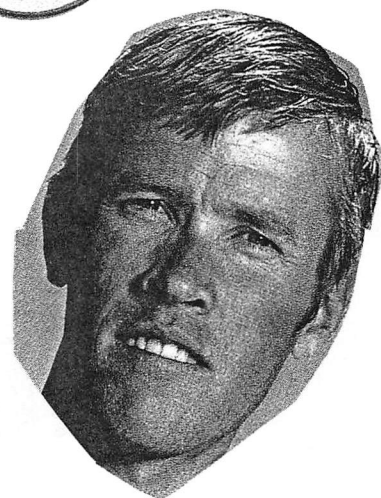
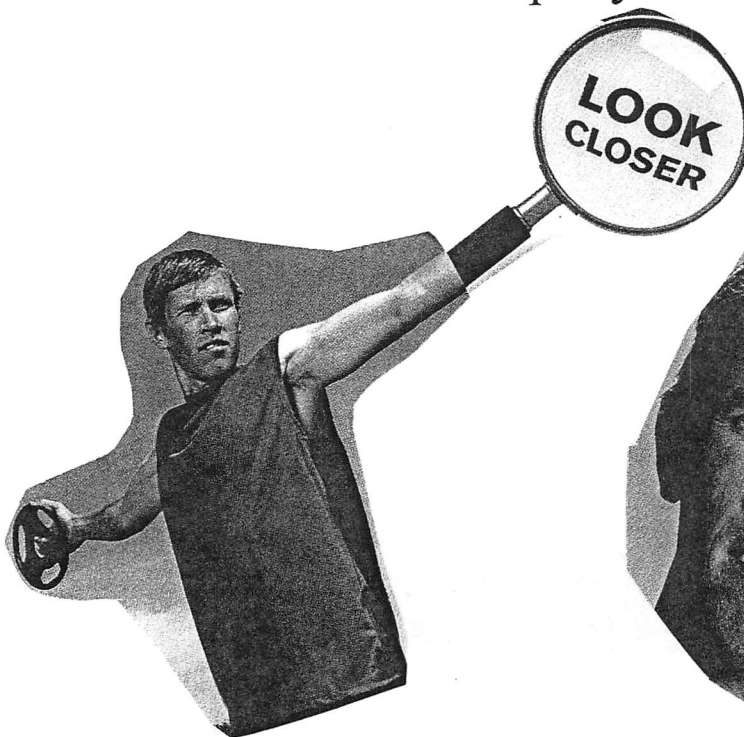
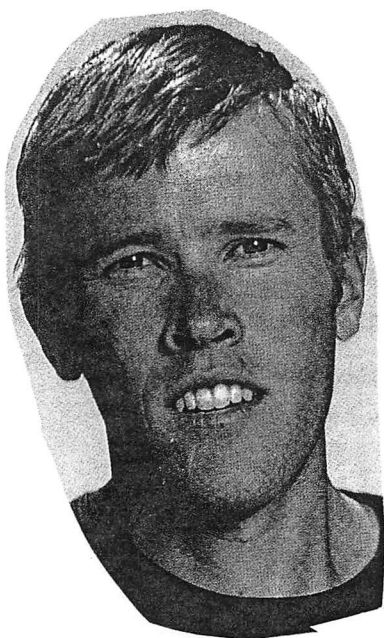


Cabin 4



2nd Session

This year Cabin 4 second session consisted of Daniel Cruz, who was 11, enjoyed canoeing and swimming. Brendan O'Hara, 11, enjoyed tennis and archery. Trevor McLaughlin, 11, from New Jersey, liked swimming and mountain biking. George Davies, 11, from Paxton, MA, liked kayaking and woodshop. Our counselor Robert David was a bro and Jake Cahill liked to party.





Cabin 5

2nd Session

Second session in cabin 5 was full of fun and very enjoyable. The cabin counselor Cole Schlecht and the CIT Jamie Foley decided to keep the Dominican Marco Fois because he could make a mean burrito and enjoyed archery. WE also decided to keep Alex Dowd because he provided plenty of energy and craziness for the cabin. WE received two new recruits in the second session. Gabe Kolbert from around Portland Maine who liked staying on the waterfront especially lending a hand in sailing the Mcwaine Lake and also bringing laughter to the cabin. The other recruit Olin Hanson from Cape Elizabeth Maine was a straight up bro who enjoyed a wide array of activities and enjoyed playing Magic. Overall the cabin shifted gears from a last session thirteenth place to a second session steady second/third place position in inspection and did an excellent job throughout the session. The cabin was full of positive and fun energy, Much magic was played, there was lots of judo, lots of talk of Cole the counselors girlfriend Emma Watson and overall just a lot of fun. Cabin five-second session was a blast and certainly a cabin to remember for the rest of our years.

NIKWAX



Cabin 6 2nd Session

Cabin 6 had an awesome second session! Lance, William, Louis, Trevor, Bob and Chris all had a great time. We all did crazy things to each other, including dancing with a broom to Taylor Swift's, "Love Story", and having toothpaste mustaches. For the most part we all had fun. Trevor is a non-stop ball of energy that resides from Hopkinton Massachusetts, whose favorite activities are kayaking and broing out. The next bro in our cabin is Lance who is also a non-stop ball of energy but when Trevor and lance collide its like setting off an atomic bomb of energy. Lance lives in Delaware and his favorite activity is archery. William is the next camper in our cabin and is cousins with the Charlie Knights. His favorite activity is soccer, which consisted of many parts including running to Springer's and back for conditioning. Louis resides in the hip part of New York and his favorite activities are archery and baseball. Chris is from Ft. Lauderdale Florida and is an awesome C.I.T. Bob is our awesome cabin counselor from Chicago Illinois. He teaches windsurfing and kayaking and often plays a tree in Saturday nights campfire skits because of his height. This second session was great and we all had a super awesome time and hope to come back next year.



Cabin 7

2nd Session



Counselor: Ryan McElroen: Tennis and Swimming

CIT: Bruce Manning

Campers: Trevor Wescott; Nate Howard; Noah Keates; Will Brown

Trevor's favorite activity was Archery.

Nat's favorite activity was Kayaking.

Will's favorite activity was Archery.

SECRET

Noah's favorite activity was Kayaking.

We all enjoyed this year at Birch Rock. The Cabin got along. At rest period we talked a lot but sometimes read or played Magic or D & D. Ryan and Bruce were great counselors. Everyone hopes to come back next year.

Keeping Cool

ADVENTURES

Eagle's

2nd Sesh



Eagle's Nest second session consisted of a fine group of gentlemen. First of all, we had the five-year camper from South Portland, Maine, Henry Cleaves who had a great time down at windsurfing. Following him we had Patrick McLaughlin, a three-year camper from New Jersey who spent his time at mountain biking and campcraft. Next we had Jonathan Tuffy who has spent four years at the Rock. He has spent a lot of time this year at sailing and archery. Also, we have Nicholas Cogswell, a five-year camper from Illinois who enjoyed sailing who enjoyed sailing and art. Next there is Curtis Alexander. Curtis has spent three years at BRC and liked basketball and windsurfing. He is from Cape Elizabeth, Maine and likes lax bro. Next we come to Zach Bamberger, an Israeli. He has spent five years here and liked basketball and nature. Also in Eagle's was Ben Cole. He spent his days at canoeing. Joel from the BX has had two years here and likes archery. Last but not least is our awesome counselor Nick Musicano who was the field director of 2009. Moosh is a sick cabin counselor and likes flipping beds/giving zero rounds. Overall we had a pretty sick cabin.



Buzzards Roost

2nd Sesh

The counselors in Buzzards Roost this year were Sam Deeran and Matt Norgate. We began the session with 7 campers; however, Nate Geremia had to leave early. The rest of the cabin consisted of Andrew St. George from PA and his favorite activities were baseball and tennis. Jeremiah Goodwin, from Hebron Maine enjoyed riflery. Dan Huycke from Arlington, Virginia, was often found at Art and Basketball. Jon Modig is from Massachusetts and his favorite activities were Mountain Biking and Soccer. Nick Ray is from Cumberland Maine and his favorite activities consisted of Sailing and Riflery. Also Jeremy Lifter, who is from Columbus Ohio, enjoyed Canoeing and Woodshop. Zach Cohen from Darien, Connecticut, enjoyed lacrosse and basketball.

Choose to Winn.

**To Stand Up Or Sit Down -
That Is The Question?**

Owl's Perch

2nd Session

Owl's Perch was a messy ball of awesomeness this session. Bobby, Preston, Carlos, Patrick, Brett, Spaulding, and Dylan all left on the second day of camp. They moved to Hawaii and shredded some gnar with the Gnarwals. It was ballin', and they learned how to hula and make cocoanut slurpies. Then they went to Michael Jackson's memorial service at the Staples Center, then to his grave to try to resurrect him. Unfortunately it was Thriller all over again and a big mess we won't get into the deets but lots of zombies came out and started dancing. Bobby was zombified for a short period but he got so sick of brains that all he ate were smoothies. Carlos managed to bring him back but alas, he was never the same. They came back for visiting day so that the parentays were satisfied. BTW Nordy and Mitch had base 3.45 weeks of no campers.

FILTERED



Pete's Palace

2nd Session

In our cabin second session we had an awesome time. For campers we had Ryan Boothby from Brewer, ME. His favorite activities were riflery and tennis. Next we had Connor McLaughlin from Basking Ridge, NJ. His favorite activities were riflery and tennis too. Another bro from Pete's was Ben Duvall from Newton, MA and his favorite activities were archery and basketball. Also chillin' in the cabin was Connor Sullivan from Cape Elizabeth, ME. His favorite activities were lacrosse, basketball, campcraft, and swimming. Next we have Henry Smith from Belmont, MA. His favorite activities were soccer and sailing. Last but not least we had Eli Gabrielsen the street fighter from Norway, ME. His favorite activities were woodshop and riflery. Our cabin counselor this year was Andrew Clemence and he is a true bro. Our senior camper cabin was super chill and worked well together and created many friendships.

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CROOKED RIVER – HILTON

1st Session

This year Hilton A and B went to the Crooked River with Ken Graig, Ben Howard, Nolan Sullivan, Gabe Dreyer, and Ben Semmes. When we got there we started to swim in the river and it was ICE COLD! When we got out we got dressed and started to carve our sticks for hot dogs and marshmallows. When we were carving, a panther jumped out of the forest and sunk his teeth into Nick Davis' finger. It was pretty deep, but Nick was a bro and didn't show a single sign of discomfort. Ben Howard was yelling for Nolan who was wrestling the mountain lion and then Ben said, "I only new to hold his thumb up, but luckily Gabe was there to run in and wrap some gauze on it before Nolan owned the cougar." Later that night when we went to bed we had staffs that we found. Unfortunately, Ben, Nolan, Gabe, and Ben had to carve the staffs into spears in the middle of the night to fight off the rabid moose that came through the campsite. Ben Semmes led them to pierce its metatarsal, scare it, and then pick it up and toss it into the river, only to float downstream and surprise Doug's group in the morning.

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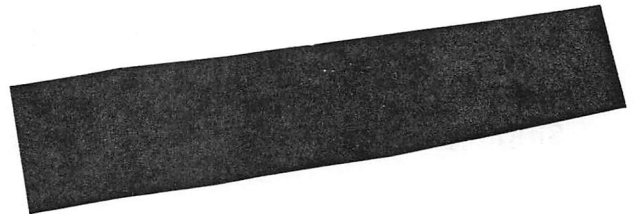
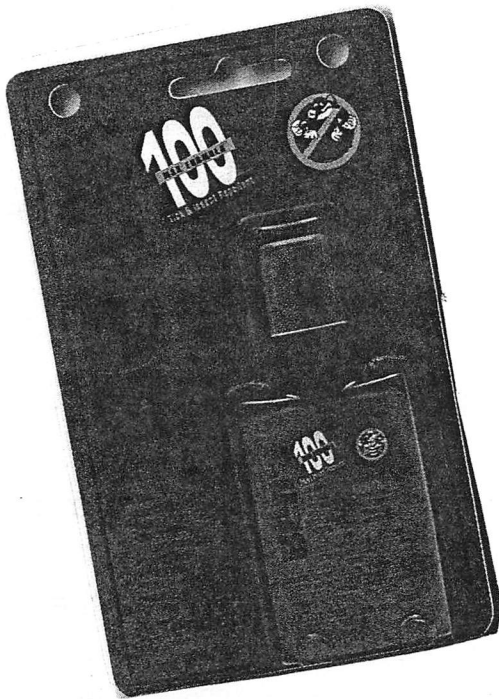


bird watching and hiking

CABINS 1, 2 AND 3 TRIP REPORT

-CROOKED RIVER-

For their trip cabins 1, 2, and 3 embarked on a perilous journey to the Crooked River. Upon our arrival, we set up camp and decided to go swimming. Thanks to the internal rain, the rapids were so strong that Doug deemed them unsafe to swim in. However we were all able to enjoy ourselves in a calmer eddy, safe from the white water. At dinnertime we feasted on hot dogs and s'mores roasted over an open fire. We all slept well that night, and in the morning we broke camp and set off for birch rock. A good time was defiantly had by all.



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Cabin 4 & 5



Trip

1st Session



Replacement
Covers

Cabin four had a great trip to Blueberry mountain. First we went to the campsite and set up tents. Then we went to the blueberry caves inside of the mountain. It was very blue. It looked like those oceans they have in Greece, Italy, and Miami. Very blue. Like any jazz musician would have a hard time singing about these blues. The sky looks not even as blue as these caves and berries. Unfortunately, the berries were gross, not even close to the awesomeness of the color. We hiked the mountain and after that we ate our lunch of blueberry pudding at the top of the mountain and went to Emerald Pool for a party and jumped off the big rock. A good time was had by all.

Cabin 6 & 7 Trip Report

1st Session

Our trip up Old Speck Mountain, the third tallest mountain in Maine was bumpy on the first day, but definitely got better the second day. We had lunch before we started our ascent. At first, our trip leader King led us down the wrong trail by accident so we all went down the wrong trail for about a mile until we hit a dead end. When we got on the right path, it got even harder. The trail was wet and rocky so we had an insanely hard time going uphill. We all thought it was going to be a 3.8-mile trip, but found out from a passing hiker that the trail was really 5.8. We were so totally bummed out by that. The bad part of the trip was when we got out on the windy face. It was raining sleet and it was extremely slippery. We kept nearly sliding off the edge, and we could barely see three feet in front of us. When we got out of there, we finally got to the campsite. We had a nice dinner and finally got warm when we all went to bed. The next morning we woke up to a bowl of oatmeal IN THE FACE and set out. It was much easier because we were going downhill and we saw amazingly beautiful sights. We were all having a lot of fun and went about 3.9 miles. We got to the van in the Grafton Notch parking lot and all had a great lunch. We had a great time and can't wait until next session's trip.

DOUBLE THE PLEASURE

Eagle's Trip

1st seshhonn

Yea bro we had a great trip we went to Mount Desert in Sweden, Maine, and hiked until we got to Mount Desert Island. We got lobstahs in Bah Hahbah and went swimming in a Fjord. It was a BLAST. Ben Cohn and Ben Dlin greatly enjoyed mountain surfing on Wildcat and then sang Let's hit the hay as they went to sleep. Party on the summit!!!! A good time was had by all.

Don't let your
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Buzzard's Roost Trip

1st Session

Our trip to Baldface Mountain was led by Ryno and Wes. We were going to go on a 9-mile loop trail in two days, and the first day we did 2.3 miles to a shelter. We set everything up and at night we told stories and Ryno showed us the restraint hold. That night there was a big storm and we stayed up and watched the storm. The next morning we were going to go up ledges and go to two other summits but it was too wet. Instead we climbed Mount Tire'm in Waterford, and a good time was had by all.



Owl's Perch Trip Report

1st Session

It was a nice July morning. Owl's Perch woke up and had breakfast, got their paddles and bags and headed to Flagstaff lake on a three-hour drive. When they got there they took the canoes off the trailer, grabbed their bags and put in the canoes. It was a nice sunny day with no wind when Owl's Perch got to the campsite and were unpacking all their things when an old lady came and told them she got permission for all the land so they couldn't stay there. Eli and Joe went to look for another campsite. On our way there we saw lightning and rain coming from our right side so we had to do our lightning drill which was going to shore as fast as possible and sitting on our bags in the forest and tie the canoes. After 10 minutes lightning was gone and we headed to the campsite. That night after dinner we went to our tents and it poured. It was super windy and rainy. One tent included Curtis and Spaulding and their tent flooded and their sleeping bags got soaked which was a very bad start. The next morning everyone woke up in hope of good weather, and had a quick breakfast. The weather was terrible. It was windy, rainy, and cold. No one gave up and they kept on paddling against the wind. After paddling two hours they got to the campsite that was a blocked part of the lake, so they had to go back and turn right and paddle again the same distance. After all we got to the campsite all cold and tired. This campsite was close to a house that was "private property" but now it wasn't. We had our last dinner of burritos. It had meat mixed with beans and vegetables. After eating it we had s'mores. Curtis and Spaulding slept in different tents because their tent was soaked. In the morning we got to our destination, but it was too foggy and Don and Janis couldn't find us. Don had to turn on the boat adapter to his truck and drove into the lake looking for the trip. He got on his scuba gear, swam to the canoes, and single handedly put them on the trailer, while Janis watched and told him where to go. We went to White Castle after, and a good time was had by all.

Pete's Palace and Cabin 8

First Session Trip Report

The senior campers of Pete's Palace and Cabin 8 went on a trip to the Presidential Mountains first session with Ken Graig and Mitchell Bebb. The first day we got to our campsite and set up all of the necessary equipment for camping. After setting up tents and what not we decided to hike up Mount Wildcat. It was great preparation for Washington. The following day, we summated Washington. It was a long and intense hike that seemed like it would never end. As we got higher and higher we entered an ominous cloud, which brought 43 mph winds and 34 degree temperatures. Fortunately there was a heated lodge/snack bar where we recovered for our descent. Very excited to get down, our lead group descended in less than two hours. The next day, we climbed Mount Madison and Monroe. We stopped at the Madison Spring Hut, which was solar powered and had indoor plumbing. It even had 52 beds! On the way down, Nate Young saw Ken's jacket with cell phone fall to the ground. He only said this when we got down, ran up the mountain like an idiot, and unbelievably retrieved the jacket. Ben and Gabe cooked for us and they did a great job except for their cookie frying attempt. It was awful...



Hilton Goes to "Engine" Joe's

2nd Sesh Bra

We went down to "Engine" Joe's. We got unpacked. Then we had dinner. After dinner we swam to the raft. We hung out there for about 30 minutes. We went to Engine Joe's. Joe and Pickles were saying that this was the time the McWain Monster would come out and grab anyone in sight. When we got back to Engine Joe's we got ready for bed and went to sleep. In the morning we got up and packed up. We had blueberry pancakes for breakfast. A good time was had by all.

TRY GETTING
from room service.

Campfire



CABINS 1, 2, & 3

Crooked River 2nd Sesh

What we did on our trip to Crooked River was canoeing, roasting marshmallows, playing man hunt, Frisbee, and swimming. The best parts were swimming and canoeing, as well as getting attacked by a mad dog. We crashed into stuff on the river, and a good time was had by all.

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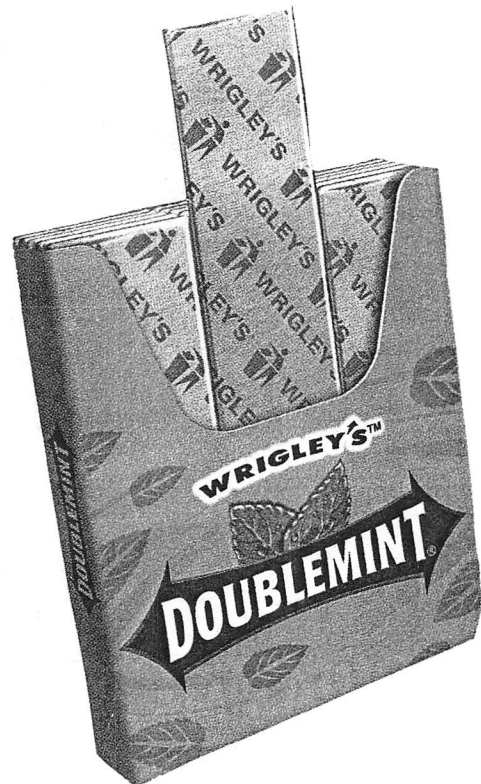
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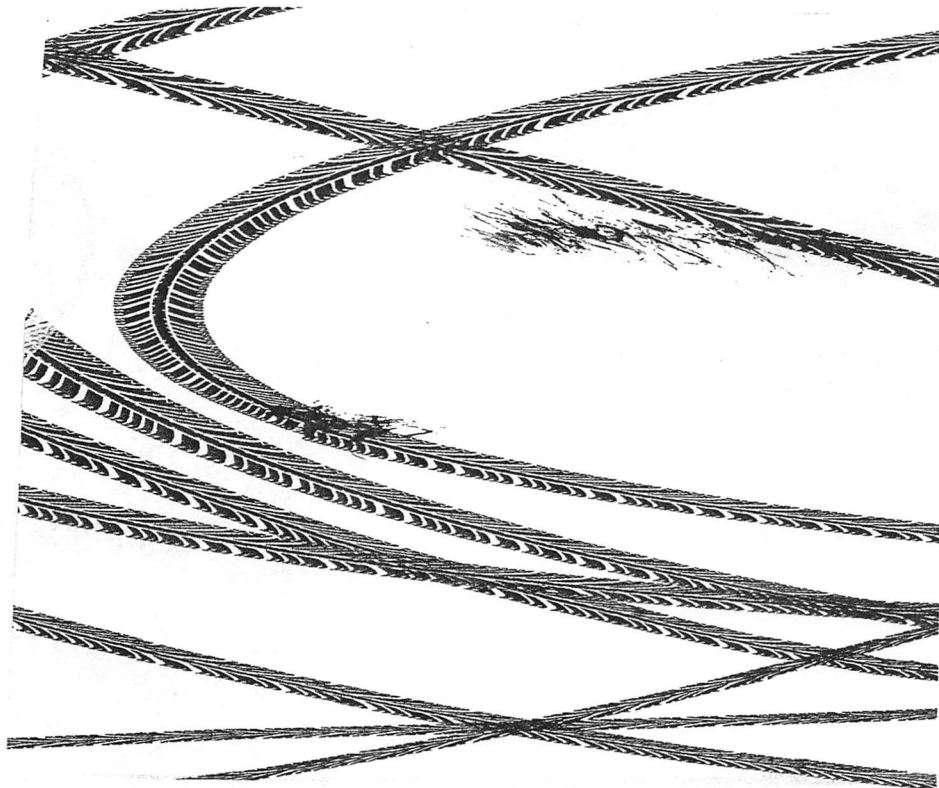


Cabi ■ 4 / 5

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2nd Session

Cabins 4 and 5 went to Mt. Tire'm and then camped at the Crooked River. It was a lot of fun when we got to the top of Tire'm and played on a huge boulder. For dinner the first night we ate Beans and rice which was delicious. For breakfast we had oatmeal and Pop Tarts. It was really funny when everyone started throwing pinecones then Nordy



Cabins 6 & 7 Trip

2nd Session

This year cabins six and seven went to Mt. Caribou and Emerald Pool. It took us 45 minutes to get there and we ate lunch and set up. Then we went to the trail of Mt. Caribou. It took us a long time to go up the mountain. When we got to the top and wanted to go down east we took a trail but it lead upward. Then we found the real top. After that we took a trail downward with Trevor Perkins leading us. Halfway through everyone was hungry and started screaming at Trevor and then he went faster. Then we drove back and had beans and rice for dinner, then we had relay races and had s'mores. For evening activity we had a bro sesh, Trevor was the winner. Early in the morning William Francis, Neutron, Trevor Wescott, and Noah Keates were awoken by Lance and Louis shaking their tent. Later on King shook the other tent with Louis, Will, Lance, and Trevor Perkins. We were all awake and Andrew told us to pick up everything and put it in the van. We ate oatmeal for breakfast we just had to put water in them. After breakfast we went to Emerald Pool. The first time it was wrong. The second time it was wrong again. Then the third time we were walking Blueberry Mountain and it was wrong. When we went back to the parking lot a van of girls from Kansas pulled up, and said, "Howdy boys!" When we were about to leave, Lance said, "Bye girls, oh bee tee dubs, the beach is that way," and pointed with his massive pause not biceps. After we were done we went to the parking lot and headed to camp. A good time was had by all.



Winning isn't everything.

Eagle's Nest Trip

2nd Session

We left for our 3-day hiking trip to Baldpate with Sam Deeran, Ken Graig, and Jake Cohen. We started hiking puzzle mountain knowing we were supposed to hike 10 miles. After we peaked Puzzle and enjoyed the view, we hiked down and it started getting late. We knew that we had to find the campsite or hike in the dark. We hiked a little off trail, but we had dinner and went to bed once we found the campsite on the beaver dam. We peaked long peak the next morning and hiked many a mile. We had lunch and then started a hard climb up West Peak, the fourth tallest mountain in Maine. We succeeded and then hiked East Peak followed by a steep descent to our campsite. After hiking 12.5 miles that day, we set up camp and had dinner/went to bed. The next morning, we woke up ready to finish our final 2 miles. We hiked down a mountain very fast in the rain, and ran the last mile in 10 minutes. We met up with Buzzard's who just finished Old Speck, and we loaded the vans and drove back to the BR.

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Buzzard's Roost Trip

2nd Session

On Buzzard's Roost 2009 trip we traveled along the Grafton Notch Loop Trail. Over the course of the trip we peaked Bald Mountain, Sunday River White Cap, and Old Speck Mountain. We had really great counselors on the trip. Joe Cohen and Ryno did an awesome job directing, leading, and watching over Buzzard's on the trip. We had a really great group of guys go out, consisting of Jon Modig, Zach Cohen, Dan Huycke, Andrew St. George, Jeremiah Goodwin, Nate Geremia, and Nick Ray. The weather was pretty nice. The first day was nice and sunny, the second day was cloudy but no rain until we were warm in our tents. Lastly on the third day it rained. We made the best of it though and traveled down the mountain at a fast pace. Overall we had a great time and came off the mountain with smiles and laughs.

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THEIR FINANCIAL
SITUATION HAD
DETERIORATED.**

*After 18 holes in Hawaii,
9 restaurants on board.*

Owl's Perch Trip

2nd Session

This session on the Owl's Perch trip, we went to Saddleback Mountain and Sugarloaf ski area. There was still snow so we had a snowball fight and had a good time shredding the gnar. It was a great trip and Ken made us beef jerky on top of the mountain while Harry and Jake our two CITs played ultimate and scouted out our next route through the Ranglely jungle. We came across a few mongooses...mongeese? And an exaltation of larks. A murmuration of Starlings fell from the sky in the middle of the night, along with some acid rain, burning 6mm wide holes in our tents. It was quite the bumner, and we had to wrap ourselves in tarps for the rest of the nights. Ken and Spaulding were left outside of the tarps because there was no more room. It was probably pretty uncomfortable, but they stitched together a cover woven from eyelashes and Ken's lower back hairs, probably not the warmest thing. We stumbled upon a hang glider on one of the cliffs, and flew it down into a White Castle. We got 30 sliders each, 8 cherry colas, 16 large fries, although Harry got his cherry colas diets. In a strange turn of events, Neil Patrick Harris, star of How I Met Your Mother, and the famous 80s teenage doctor show Doogie Howser M.D. showed up, and returned the SulliVAN, which he had stolen only 6 hours prior.

Snow, snowball fights, ultimate, mongeese, larks, starlings, acid rain, eyelashes/lower back hair blankets, Neil Patrick Harris, White Castle, and diet cherry colas. What a trip! A good time was most certainly had by all.



PETE'S PALACE (and Will Alexander) TRIP REPORT

2nd Session

On our trip this session we canoed the Rangeley Lakes and it was awesome! The first day consisted of a mere 200-yard paddle to Birch Island. We looked around for some good campsites, and to our luck, we found one. We chilled there for the rest of the day. The next morning we woke up at 5:00am, leaving the island around 6:15am. We canoed Mooselookmeguntic for 8 miles and arrived at Students Island at 9:00am. Here we set up camp at a brisk pace, allowing us to chill by our beast fire less than an hour later. While some of the group was chillin' by the fire, the rest took naps to revive. For dinner that night we had Chicken, Rice and Bean Burrito's, which were...you guessed it...delish. Following our romantic, moonlit dinner, we roasted some mallows and hit the sack. The following morning we awoke at the crack of dawn and paddled to the Birches Camp Site, not to be confused with Birch Island. We appropriately named the place Mosquito Island, as we were all covered in bites within the hour. For dinner that night we had tuna casserole. Similar to the previous night we roasted mallows and cheesed for a couple hours then went to bed. We slept in the next morning then canoed the final push to the pick up point. Stepping out of our canoes we looked back on how far we had come and told ourselves how beastly we were. What it all comes down to is that a good time was had by all.

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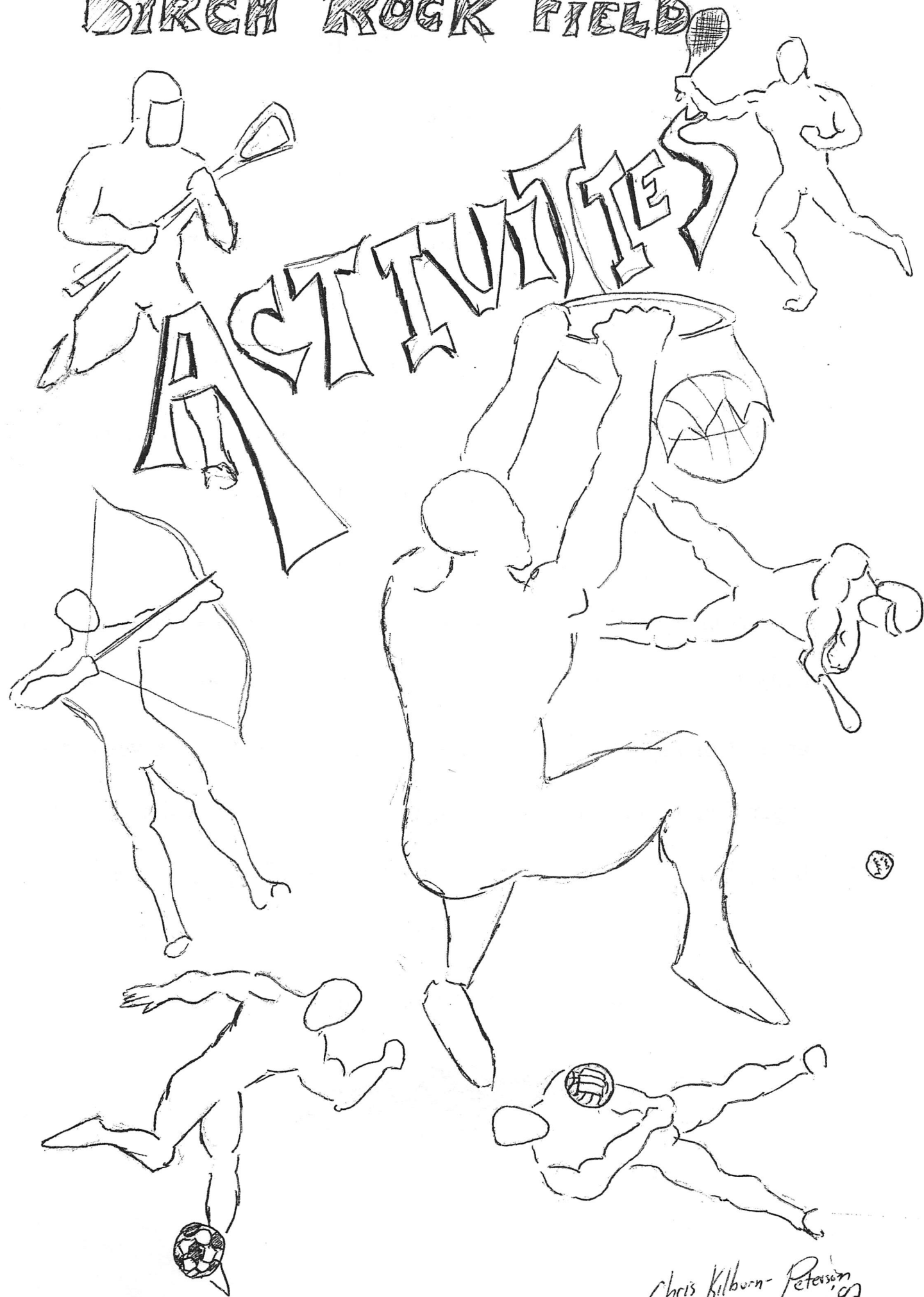
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BIRCH ROCK FIELD



Chris Kilburn-Peterson '92

Archery 2009

The calming summer air, ahah!

The first whistle is blown. I grab my bow and slow my breathing.

There is nothing else, only myself and the bull's-eye.

Ahh the second whistle. I am ready!

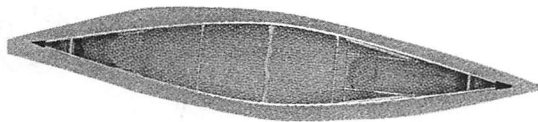
I move through my form like a monkey moving from tree to tree

TWANG THWACK! Perfection

Three whistles. I am Joy

Archery was awesome again this year led by Mike Nordblom and Cole Schlecht with a huge hand from Bruce Manning. An amazing amount of badges were handed out, and it was great to have so many eager young students of the sport. Hopefully there will be some 1st badges going out next year to new students. Have a good off-season.

--Mike "Nurdy" Nordblom



BASEBALL 2009

What a year it was for baseball. Homeruns were hit, debates were won and lost (with the counselor always coming out on top) and badges a plenty were earned. It was a difficult summer for America's pastime as it rained excessively. But as always the campers persevered and made this season unforgettable. Many campers earned their junior badges this year but I would like to give a special shout out to Andrew St. George and Ben Cole. Their persistence and great attitudes paid off and they earned their senior badges. Have a safe but fun off-season.

—Alasdair
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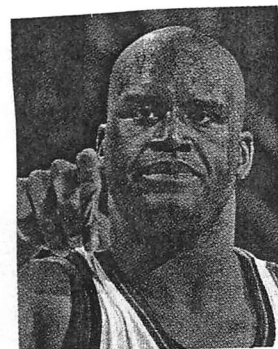
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THE ECONOMY IS THE ONLY THING THAT STINKS

BASKETBALL

Up on the court this year basketball was a blast. Literally everyday was a legit broseesh. We worked on skills such as shooting, passing, lay-ups, and ball handling. Many intense fun games of 5v5, knock-out/super, tips, around the world, and PIG were played. We were able to have the 3-point competition this year, which was pretty epic. Trevor McLaughlin and Ben Duvall both displayed excellent shooting and prevailed in the end OH WORD! Many junior badges were awarded this year and even a couple of senior badges. Everybody definitely had a sick time ballin' it up this year. Thanks for a great summer and have a bro off season.

--Nick "The Italian Stallion" Musciano



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Lacrosse Activity Report

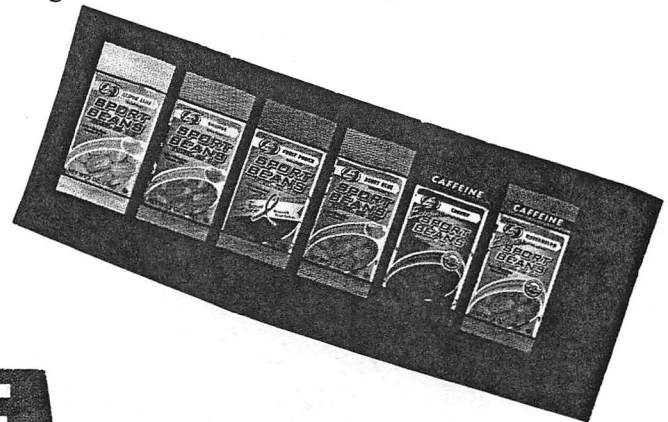
Looking back on the year I remember the first Lacrosse related question that I proposed to the camp..."Bro's...care to Lax?" As the season progressed all of the bro's would sign up for lacrosse either to bro out and just mess around or work towards the different levels of lacrosse badges Williams, Hobart, and Hopkins. I cannot recall one period of lax where there was not at least a few bros ready to pick up their dangleforks and lax it up. We perfected lax skills ranging from proper cradling, the best was to dangle your opponents, how to properly scoop a rock with your spoon, and how to make sure that your flow was properly maintained in time from lacrosse season.

Sometimes people would come up not exactly looking to expand their skills or get badges so we would play some of our many sweet bro lax games. These included Lax-Golf which was gold except you throw lacrosse balls from your stick rather than putt. Bro-Chi , which is exactly Bocci except with a small twist, we were hurling the Bocci balls from our danglebaskets instead of hands. Some fun drills that were both relaxing and good practice was setting up cups in the metal fence and trying to hit them head on knocking them out of the fence.

Overall lax was a great time. WE had much influence from the Morristown New Jersey lacrosse program from Cole Schlecht and also from the Baltimore region from the other lax instructor Wes McClung. Also we had a large influx of Cape Elizabeth laxers including the Sullivan crew, the Alexander's, Olin, and the way later Will Guduti. The Lacrosse program saw a consistent stream of people from all activity groups and all mindsets. There were those who wished to tune up their skills and left tuned. There were those who wanted to shoot up thru the sweet BRC lax ranks and earn badges and certainly did not leave with empty hands. And lastly there were the bros who simply did "Care to lax" BRC Lacrosse 09' was a season to remember and everyone who cam up certainly learned a thing or two about how to dangle with your lax spoon. OH WORD!?!?!



**CAPTURE
THE FLAG.**



SCCER

Soccer was taught by the taller Englishman Matt Norgate, Falmouth's own Nick Musciano and Australia's Mitchell Bebb. We had a very productive summer of soccer with many junior and senior badges produced.

Some of the highlights of soccer were, the many world cup tournaments, which were a great work out and was a favorite activity of many, the long distance 3-mile run to Springer's and back, which many completed successfully, often with a soda reward for the halfway point, and finally the "punting game" which just involves pushing a ball as far as possible against another team.

Although the field was often wet, and the grass a little too long, it did not affect the enthusiasm or dedication of the campers and we had a great time on the top field all summer.

The soccer tournament with other local camps was also a great experience, although we did not win, all of the younger players gained invaluable experience.

--The Soccer Team

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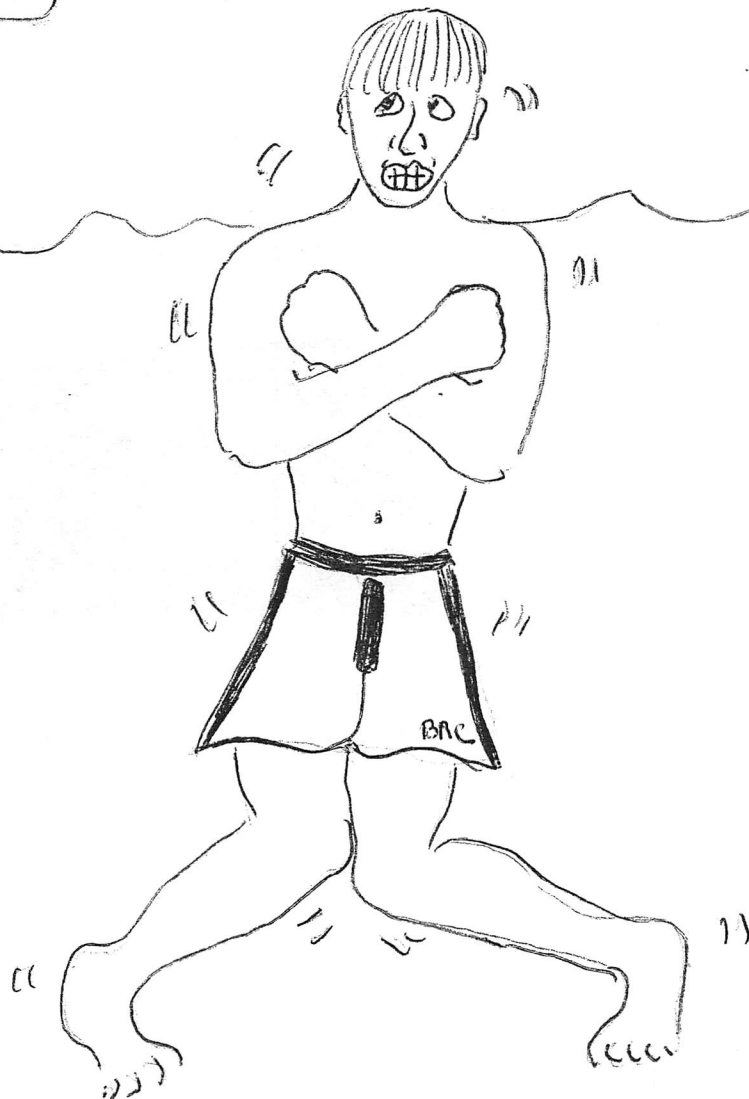
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Chris Kilburn-
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Swimming 2009

The year got off to a cold start with Mother Nature not being very kind delivering way too much rain and 60 degree weather which made the swimming challenging but by no means did it stop the improvement of our swimmers.

The quality of swimmers in our first session campers was very high especially in lower camp with some guidance from the outstanding swimming instructors this year all were improving day by day. Sadly we had to say goodbye to the first session kids but the second session guys slotted straight into the swim lessons like fish in the sea.

The weather warmed up and so did lake McWain which allowed for some serious lessons to take part, improving on freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, and sidestroke the instructors were teaching the kids butterfly. The campers were at first timid to try something new but through some drills their confidence became apparent and their skills of a new stroke for most increased. The senior campers worked hard on improving their fitness and readiness for their distance swims of the seal and whale, and a large number this year completed their swims with much delight to us swim teachers and them as campers.

Thank you and well done to all campers this year, all of you have improved as individuals and swimmers and congratulations to all distance swimmers job well done. See you all next year.

SEALS

Will Alexander	1:29
Ryan Boothby	1:26
Eli Brewster	1:11
Nick Cogswell	0:54*
Ben Duvall	1:18
Ben Foley	1:17
Luis Morquillas	1:27
Jimmy Scanlon	1:29
Bobby Stafford	1:24
Connor Sullivan	1:25

WHALES

Gabe Dreyer	4:09
Bruce Manning	4:06
Connor McLaughlin	3:55

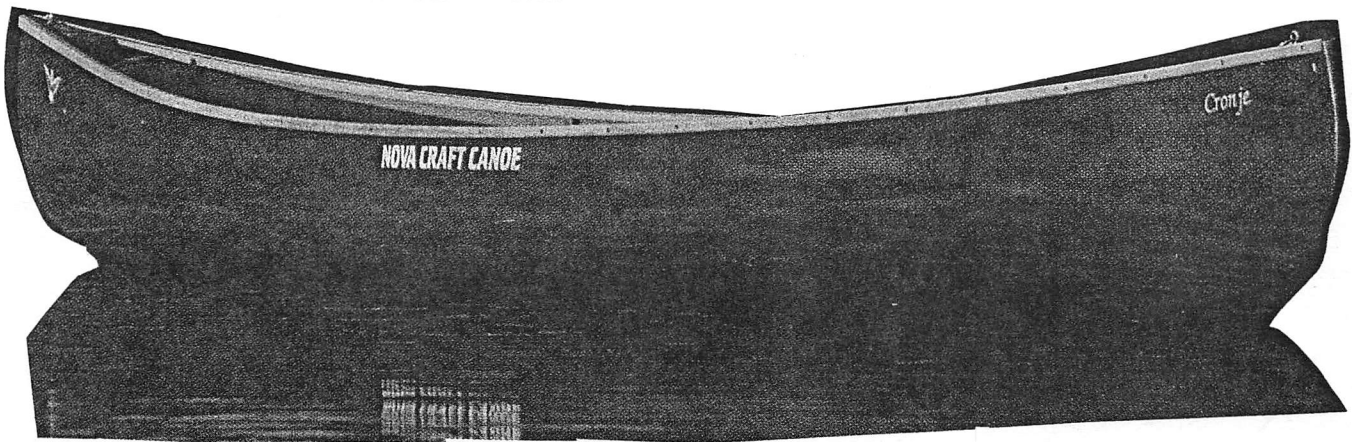


--Mitchell Bebb, Swimming Instructor

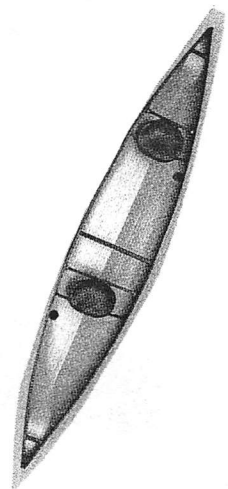
CANOEING

This year an amazing time was enjoyed by all that traveled the marvelous paths down to the waterfront for the goal of participating in canoeing. There were plenty of new young faces seen down at the activity this year, which brings great promise for the future years of canoeing. I would like to thank all of my fellow instructors that gave support to the activity. Many badges were given out especially towards the junior canoeing badge known as the "Penobscot", but I would like to give out a special shout out to all that participated in the Extreme, Extraordinary, and Ridiculously Amazing part of all the canoeing badges. I especially would like to recognize Jeremy Lifter for his dedication and determination to become a leader and better overall canoeist. We would like to give thanks to the Mcwain Lake for allowing us to voyage among its waters.

--Robert David "RD" Weeks



MUST-DO



Sailing

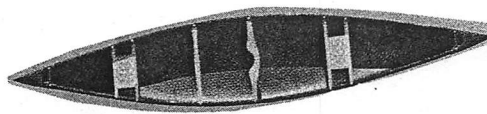
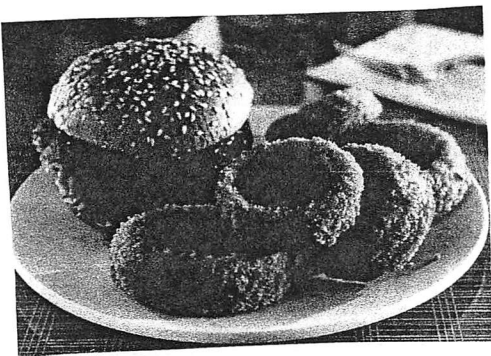
The sailing program this summer had what I like to call a rebuilding year. With no one going for their Skipper and a only a handful of campers striving for their Midshipmans, the young sailors really shined through under the excellent tutelage of Sam "Come Sail Away With Me" Deeran. The wind of Lake McWain can be a fickle thing, but the sailors of Birch Rock Camp harnessed that wind with skill and precision. Thank you to all the CITs, especially Jake Cohen, for keeping the program open in my absence. See you all next summer cutting through the white caps on Lake McWain.

--Erik "Captain Nemo" Joelsson



KAYAKING

This year at kayaking was sick-nasty. We had 3 instructors (triple the instructors at canoeing) down on the waterfront every day. We had Bob "How do I fit into these kayaks with my long legs?" Donahue teaching the Otters and Moose, Joe "Jenkins" Cohen teaching the oldest guys and Pickles "Prime Minister of Gnarwhalistan" Lynn teaching the gnarliest age group of all, the wolves. We shredded it up every day. We even busted out the Scorpion a few times and did 1080's over waterfalls. We handed out a lot of badges this year mostly Jr. badges but we did hand out Sr. badges to all of Cabin 4 first session and Gordon Hargraves. No advanced badges were earned this year but we have some PRIME candidates for the next few years. From all of us at kayaking have a gnarly offseason.



BOATING '09

This summer was full of adventure down on the boating docks. With all of the first session rain we were unable to do a lot of rowing, but made up for it in the sunshine of the second session. Many junior badges were awarded, some being given out in one period. This badge, the GOB, consists of basic strokes, docking, parts of the boat and paddle, safety and knots. This is a very attainable badge for any camper, and I believe it is a skill that all should learn. We were always glad to help the swim program out with all the ducks and loons they sent out.

During the second session, thanks to the sunshine, Gabe Dreyer and I took out the recently donated skull onto the waters of Lake McWain. With the set up of a race boat we were able to cruise up and down the lake no problem, with Will Gedutti as our guide.

Our fleet of boats tends to expand each year and we can proudly contribute 5 boats to that fleet. We love our boats and our boats love us. I have a feeling next summer is going to be full of sunshine; because all of the rain stored up in the clouds was released this season. With this in mind, get ready for a stellar 2010 season on the shores of lake McWain. Hope to see everyone next summer. Cheers!!!

-Andrew "AC Slater" Clemence

Easy!

DO IT YOUR WAY

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the can!**
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Windsurfing '09



This year was a great year for all of us who had the pleasure of windsurfing! The bros who instructed were Bob and Nolan (Sick crew, right?). Bob taught the little guys first period. It was pretty much a bro sesh. The wind seldom blew at such an early hour, so we compensated with awesomeness. We lugged the boards from the rack, and as soon as they touched the water the fun began. There were board wars, pirating, and all kinds of creative to make windsurfing (sans wind) fun. Third period, taught by Nolan, was a completely different story. By the time third period rolled around, the wind was always raging. Nolan took out a few sails, and he allowed kids who *claimed* they could windsurf to give it a shot. It turns out that most of these kids, much to Nolan's chagrin, blew very far downwind with no hope of making it back to camp. Nolan subsequently paddled down to rescue them and spent the following hour sailing the board back to camp. Sadly, he missed snack every day, which is why despite great efforts, he failed to gain even one pound over the summer.

BETTER MEN

Balls to the Wall

WOODSHOP

In the woodshop Thomas Joyce was instructor for the first session. Edward Gabrielson was instructor for second session. We saw a great deal of creativity and original design this year, as well as an abundance of enthusiasm and perseverance. Many first time wood workers completed their mandatory pencil holder and learned valuable basic skills in the process. More advanced projects included bird houses, chess boards, pens, spindles, carved signs, a hickory trunk, a pine cabinet, and even a submarine! Well done Birch Rock wood workers!



THE GREATEST

Art Report

This year art was brought back to Birch Rock with the construction of Chief's after the unfortunate fire of last year. Sue Davis of Auburn, Maine headed the art program, and brought with her great projects such as fuse beads, sun catchers, a pottery wheel, hemp, and beaded animals. A quick shoutout to Luis Morquillas who completed many a fuse bead and pot, Louis De La Bardonnie who made a huge fuse bead project, and Preston Schottlaender who was up there every day making aliens with the fuse beads, drawing with gel pens, and making sun catchers. A great time was had this year, and it's going to be AWESOME next year.

DETAIL
DELVIT

The
Healing
ARTs

Ace—A ball that is served so well that the opponent fails to touch it with his/her racket.

Ad—Short for advantage. It is the first point scored after deuce. If the serving side scores, it is "ad in;" if the receiving side scores, it is "ad out."

All—An even score: 30-all or 3-all, etc.

Alley—The area between the singles and the doubles sidelines on each side of the court. (The singles court is made 4 1/2 feet wider for doubles by the addition of the alley.)

Approach—A shot behind which a player comes to the net.

Backcourt—The area between the service line and the baseline.

Backhand—The stroke used to return balls hit to the left of a right-handed player and vice versa.

Backswing—The initial part of any swing. The act of bringing the racket back to prepare for the forward swing.

Band—The strip of canvas attached to the top of the net.

Baseline—The line 39 feet from the net which runs parallel to it at either end of the court.

Break—To win a game served by an opponent.

Center strap—A strap in the center of the net, anchored to the ground to hold the net secure.

Choke up—To grip the racket up toward the head.

Closed face—The angle of the hitting face of the racket when it is turned down toward the court.

Deep shot—A shot that bounces near the baseline (near the service line on a serve).

Deuce—A score of 40-40 (the score tied and each side has at least three points).

Deuce court—Right court, so called because on a deuce score the ball is served there.

Double fault—The failure of both service attempts to be good. It costs a point.

Doubles—A match with four players, two on each team.

Eastern backhand grip—Grip in which

the large knuckle at the base of the forefinger is placed on or near the top large plane of the handle.

Eastern forehand grip—Grip in which the fleshy part of the first and second fingers is placed against the large back plane of the handle. (Also known as the "shake hands grip.")

Face—The hitting surface of the racket.

Fault—A served ball that does not land in the proper court.

Fifteen—The first point won by a player.

Flatshot—A shot that travels in a straight line with little arc and little spin.

Forehand—The stroke used to return balls hit to the right of a right-handed player.

Forty—A player's score when he/she has won three points.

Game—The part of a set that is completed when one player or side wins four points, or wins two consecutive points after deuce.

Grip—The method of holding the racket handle. The term given the leather covering on the handle.

Ground strokes—Strokes made when the ball has bounced, either forehand or backhand.

Gut—Racket strings made of animal intestine.

Handle—The part of the racket that is gripped in the hand.

Head—The part of the racket used to hit the ball.

Heel—The part of the racket head between the handle and the head.

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Net game—The use of the front court in order to hit volleys and overheads to win points.

Point—Four points scored wins a game unless both sides have three points—thus the score is deuce—and one side must then score two consecutive points to win.

Racket—The implement used to strike the ball.

Rally—A series of good hits made successively by players. Also can be the practice procedure in which players hit back and forth.

Receiver—The player who receives the service.

Referee—The official in charge of a tournament whose duties are defined in the USTA tournament regulations.

Server—The player who serves.

Set—A scoring unit awarded to a player or team that has won (a) six or more games and has a two game lead, or (b) six games and the tie-break when played at six-all.

Singles—A match between two players.

Smash—A hard overhead shot.

Spin—Rotation of the ball.

Straight Sets—To win a match without the loss of a set.

Stroke—The act of striking the ball with the racket.

Tie-break—A system used to decide a set when the score is 6-6.

Thirty—A player's score when he/she has won two points.

Throat—The part of the racket between the handle and the head.

To Serve—To put the ball into play.

Tournament—A formal type of competition.

Trajectory—The flight of the ball from the racket to the top of the net.

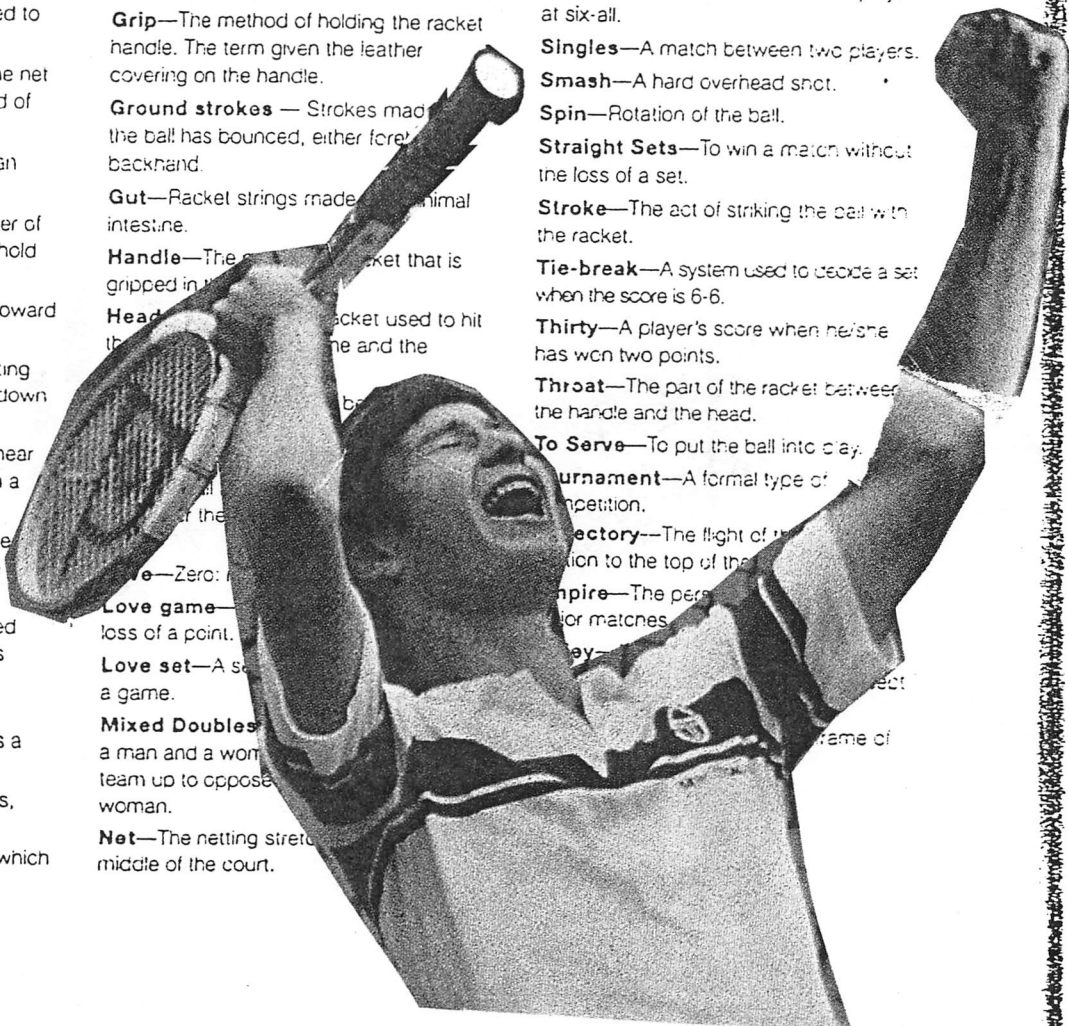
Umpire—The person who officiates for matches.

Volley—A shot that is hit before the ball bounces.

Warm-up—A short game played before the main game.

Win by forfeit—A win by a player who fails to appear for a match.

Win by walkover—A win by a player who fails to appear for a match.



Mountain Biking

'09

Similar to most other activities we were affected greatly by the rain first session. Despite the non-stop showers we were able to get out on the trails for some shredding. We took full advantage of the limited sunshine and rode trails around campus, on the power lines, and various other locations throughout Waterford.

First session included an epic trip to Hawk Mountain, which was a much more difficult ride than previous years. Due to all the rain, the path had been mostly washed out leaving only medium to large sized rocks for us to navigate around. We spent a solid amount of time enjoying the view from the top of the climb and showed off our Birch Rock Manners to the other hikers passing through. I believe I was the only casualty of the ride down, taking a nice digger on a slippery rock.

Second session, thanks to the sunshine, proved itself more successful in terms of dishing out badges. With two trips to the Nemesis, we were fortunate enough to pass out some Senior Sport badges. Nate Geremia and Patrick McLaughlin were able to conquer the steep rocky slope 2 out of 3 tries earning their badges. We would also like to give thanks to all the others who came out to biking and were unable to earn badges. Please continue to sign up next year; that junior badge is not out of reach.

Another big event for us each year is the BRC Triathlon. This year on Saturday August 1st 14 young gentlemen stepped up to the challenge. Please refer to the triathlon report for details, but we would like to give a special shout out to the top three finishers: Nick Cogswell, Ben Duvall and Nate Howard.

All in all, it was a wonderful year on the paths of Waterford and we are looking forward to next year. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for us and we will be able to get out more trips, maybe to Bradbury or Sunday River. Thanks for the enjoyable season and keep shredding in the off-season. EXTREME!!!!

- Andrew Clemence & Joe Cohen

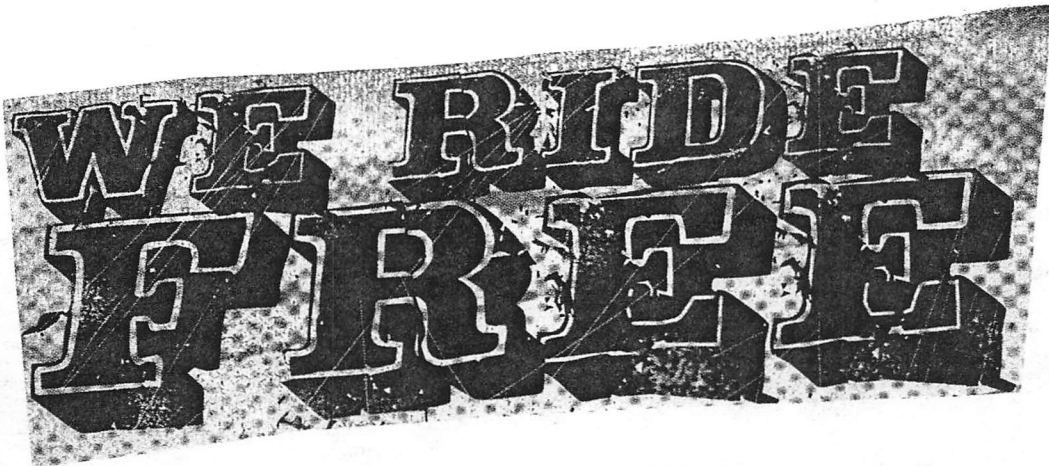
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**THE GOLDEN BIKE
FINISHES FIRST OR
IT FINDS SOMEONE
WHO WILL.**

Nature

For my first year teaching nature, I was very impressed with all of the hard work and dedication from the campers. We had two campers who earned both their Baxter (Junior) and Audubon (Senior) Badges. Way to go Jeremiah and Lance! Zach Bamberger also began work on his Leopold (Advanced) Badge. Don't give up Zach! The highlight of the summer for Matt Norgate and I was the trip to Maine Wildlife Park in Gray. I had a great time teaching nature and I'm very excited for all the badges to come next year.

--Jonathan Goodwin



Nature Haikus

WINTERGREEN

Minty leaves taste good
Wintergreens are shiny too
This plant I love woo!

RED CLOVERS

Small with red flowers
An extremely common plant
It came from Europe

GREY WOLF

The grey wolf hunts you
The grey wolf pounces the prey
But its endangered

WOLVES

Gray, Swift, and fearless
Running through the woods at night

PINK LADY SLIPPER

Pretty, small flower
Fluttering in the soft breeze
One small pouch and leaves

Campcraft 2009

"Birch Rock Camp can surely boast the best primitive skills program in the state." – The Maine Sunday Telegram

It is at this juncture that we look into the past – to see what has brought us here – and look into the future – to see what will come. Thanks to Ryno, who with his bounding skills, everlasting wisdom, and leadership brought the program to where it is today. And thanks to our two new instructors, Nolan and Cole, for being a part of the continued legacy. Ben and Harry- you two – cannot be forgotten for your contribution. I'm sure you guys will continue to contribute, and I'm appreciative of what you've done.

As pompous as it sounds, its hard to know where to take the campcraft program when it is already so good. But, I am sure that campcraft has become a part of Birch Rock's mission. And as "Help the Other Fellow" remains a sterling example of moral conduct – and has been for 80-plus years – the campcraft program will remain a stellar example of skill-based self-advancement. So, at this point, we must carry on tradition.

It's been so fun so far. Shout out to all the campers who battle through Campcraft's rewarding challenges. Cheers.

'til next year,
Sam Deeran

SCOPE



The Tao of Campcraft

Without knowledge and skills one is helpless in the woods. How many people do you know that can light a fire with one match? How many people do you know that can use a knife safely and respectfully? Make rope from plant fibers? Cook without a pot or pan? Tell the time from the sun? Or make fire from a few pieces of carved wood?

Not many.

But at Birch Rock there are many. And we are strong.
The Way of Campcraft will guide one through the darkness of ignorance and fear.

Inside each of us there is a Buck Hard.

KNOWLEDGE

THE POWER OF VISION.



EXERCISE IS MEDICINE

LIBRARY

Greetings from the library! It was another great summer here with many campers enjoying the relaxing atmosphere and ample choices of literature as well as the games that are now stored in the back room.

The latest novel in the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan proved to be the most requested book in the library this summer. It continually left the shelf within minutes of being returned. As always, the other popular items were the Guinness Book of world Records, Ripley's Believe It or Not and too many sports titles to mention.

A new game to BRC called Pegs and Joker's was a favorite among the younger campers. This cross between cribbage and Sorry! kept the energy up on rainy days. I appreciated the many requests for books and games. Please continue to let me know what books you'd like to see in the library and I will do my best to accommodate you.

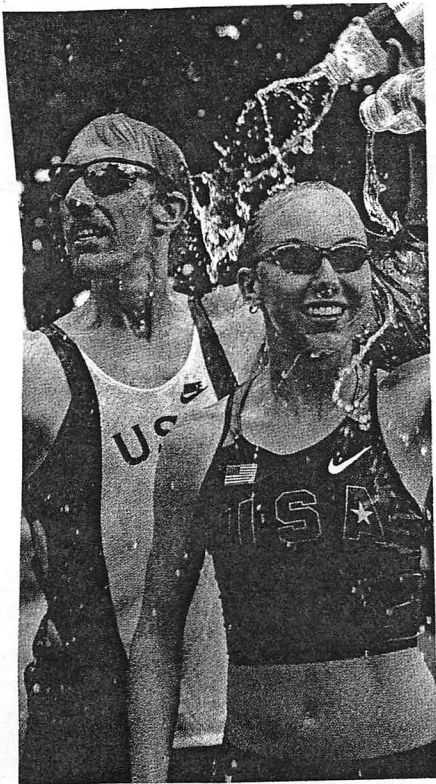
- Tracy Goodwin



BEST IDEA

CASCO DAYS

This year 4 campers took a visit to the Casco Days 4 mile road race. They were Nate Howard, Patrick McLaughlin, Hank Robbins and Nate Geremia. They were accompanied by Andrew Clemence and Cathy Roland. Unfortunately some of our times didn't register as we crossed the finish line but we still had a blast and will definitely go back next year for another round.



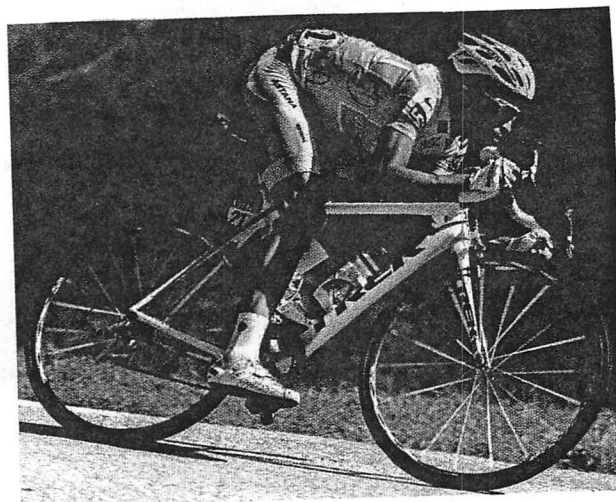
Capture the greatest moments in sports

642 yds.

He who stays cool wins.

BRC Triathlon '09

This year, Birch Rock Camp held its 6th annual triathlon. 14 young gentlemen stepped into their power and accepted the challenge of competing in this rigorous course. The triathlon consists of three stages: swimming across lake McWain, biking around the lake, and running back from Springer's General Store. This years participants were Nick Cogswell, Ben Duvall, Nate Howard, Patrick McLaughlin, Connor Sullivan, Hank Robbins, Ryan Boothby, Jon Modig, Zach Cohen, Patrick O'Hara, Connor McLaughlin, Henry Cleaves, Will Alexander and Curtis Alexander. It was a very intense and exciting experience. Congratulations to Nick Cogswell for placing 1st in this years new course Triathlon.



VARIETY: Los Angeles' premier entertainment industry news

This year highlights: Birch Rock Camp.

2009 marks a golden year in Birch Rock Comedy. We had some lovable moments – from Zach Bamberger's awkward Jewish jokes (which were so stunningly awkward- they only yielded laughter days later – I guess the Israeli-Palestinian conflict isn't funny) to Ryan Boothby's uncanny portrayal of a woman in "Love Story" to Dylan Sullivan's unbelievably believable portrayal of a young girl (who is actually a guy).

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Nominees for Best Actor

Zach Bamberger – as Zach Bamberger for "The Stand-Up who we'd all love to Sit-Down"

Jake Cohen (and Ben Howard) – as the Awkward Camel for "the ACA Visits"

Alasdair Thornton – as Jerry Manilow for "Germ-Xtreme"

Nominees for Best Supporting Actor

Nolan Sullivan – as the Beardless Terrorist in "Birch Rock Saves Iraq"

Wes McClung – as the Minor Miner in "The Game"

Praxedes Castillo – as Prax2-D2 in "The Campfire Strikes Back"

Nominees for Best Costumes

Andrew Clemence – for the Rich Miner in "The Game"

Dylan Sullivan – for Delilah in "The Big Trick"

Ryan Boothby – for Taylor in "Love Story"

Nominees for Best Skit

The CITS – for "the ACA Visits"

The Staff – for "Birch Rock Saves Iraq"

The Staff – for "The Game"

The Staff – for "Vice and Versa"

Owl's Perch – for "The Big Trick"

Nominees for Best Original Skit-script

Jake Cohen and the CITs – for "the ACA Visits"

Sam Deeran – for "The Truth Behind Hilton Skits"

Henry Cleaves – for "That One with His Rocky Impersonation"

Mitchell Bebb – for "The Green Panel"

Thanks for a wonderful year guys. In industry news, Sam Deeran will be in the next Judd Apatow movie.

-Sam Deeran

Camp Changes

Lives in

Positive Ways

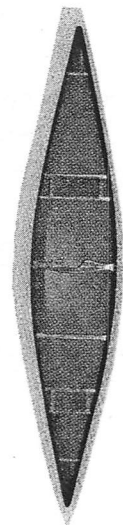
YOUNG RIPPER

BEACH DAY '09

BEACH DAY 2009 WAS A ROCKIN' MIXTURE OF BROIN' OUT AND SWEET WAVES AT SCARBOROUGH BEACH. THE ENTIRE CAMP WOKE UP TO CLASSIC BEACH BOY TUNES, EMINATING FROM GABE DREYER'S GHETTO BLASTER. WE HAD BREAKFAST AND THEN EMBARKED ON OUR EPIC JOURNEY. WE GOT TO SCARBOROUGH IN ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF. WE CHANGED, SLIPPED ON TSHIRTS, SLOPPED ON SUN SCREEN, SLAPPED ON A CAP, AND WRAPPED ON SOME SHADES.

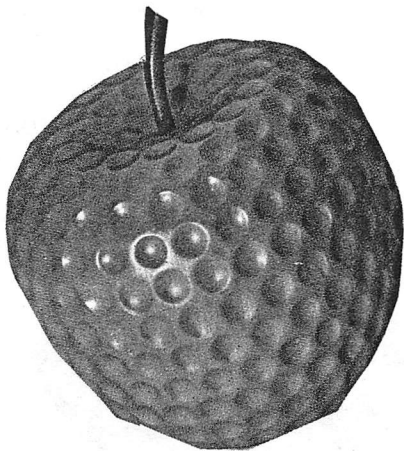
SOME CHOSE TO SWIM AND FROLIC IN THE WATER, SOME CHOSE TO BRO OUT WITH THE BADMITTON, AND SOME CHOSE TO SUN BATHE AND DISCO DANCE, WHILE LISTENING TO MORE TUNES FROM THE BOOM BOX. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME KIDS WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL TANNERS, ESPECIALLY ELI GABRIELSON.

ONCE WE RETURNED FROM THE BEACH WITH TANS AND BURNS, WE HAD OUR TRADITIONAL STRUT CONTEST. CLEAVES AND COHEN HAD A BROMANCE ON THE CATWALKS, WINNING THE COMPETITION. IN SECOND PLACE CAME TUFFY WITH "SANDY" CHUGGING A PITCHER OF SAND. AND THIRD BUT NOT LEAST, MAX NAPIER-KANE AS NARWAL. A GOOD TIME WAS DEFINITELY HAD BY ALL.



AGAWAM TENNIS DOUBLES

Today, Weaz and Pickles took 13 kids to Camp Agawam, where we participated in the mixed doubles tennis tournament. There was a bracket of three rounds, and each player got to play in 2 rounds. The player with the most points got to play in the finals. In the end, too many people had the same amount of points, so instead of playing in the finals we packed up and headed home. Most importantly a good time was had by all.



CHILDHOOD

GET IT NOW!

Agawam Soccer Tourney

This year Birch Rock was represented in a soccer tournament round robin style. What we lacked in height we made up for in spirit. Though unfortunately no games were "won," there were stellar moments and valiant plays. The game scores were as follows: 7-1, 7-0, 6-1, and 3-0, but who's counting? Right? Goals were scored by the eight year old Kyle Perkins, and fifteen year old Connor Sullivan with an assist by Henry Smith. Prominent goalies were Luis Marquillas, Bobby Stafford, Olin Hannson, and Edward Stafford. Edward Stafford deserves special mention because he stood up to a fifteen year old Spaniard's hard shot, and broke his arm clean in two. He was back to camp in a few days with a smile on his face and many a signature on his cast. A good time was had by all.

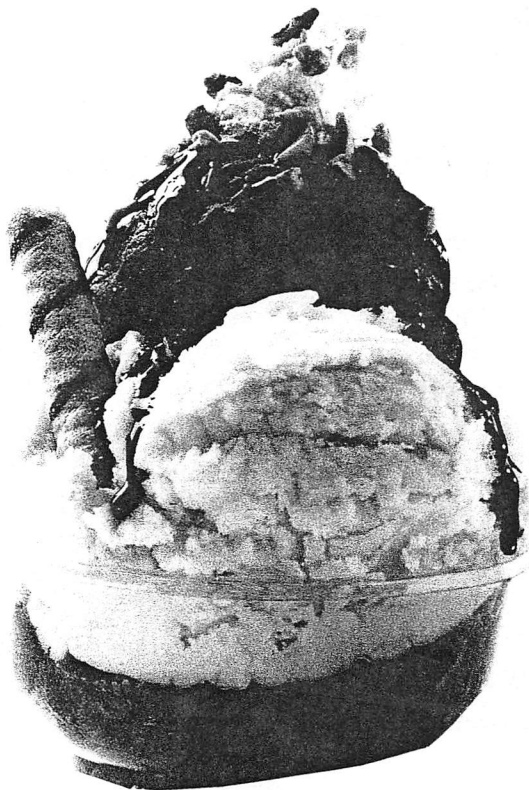


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ARCADIA SOCIAL

One night, Eagle's Nest, Buzzards Roost and Owl's Perch took off before dinner to go to Arcadia. Once we got there we walked down to the tennis court and met each other and learned about them in human bingo. Up next, we went up to the dining hall and had ice cream and had fun. Lastly, we said our goodbyes and drove away, with our new friends in our minds.

-Patrick McLaughlin



Junior Maine Guides

For the first time in 23 years, Birch Rock registered for the Junior Maine Guide testing camp held in Oquossuc, Maine on the Kennebago River. The first morning of announcements, Ryno asked who would be interested, and two strapping young lads, Gabe Dreyer and Ben Semmes, were the only campers interested. Skills necessary to become a JMG were axemanship, canoeing, fire building, group encampment, shelter building, cooking, other written knowledge about camp trip leader permits, burn permits, minimum and low impact camping, topographic maps, weather signs, and much more. Having completed the Maine Wilderness Adventure the previous summer, and access to one of the most knowledgeable outdoorsman on campus, Ben and Gabe were up to the task.

They spent their first session afternoons with Ryno working on axemanship, orienteering, and assorted knowledge. As they got closer to the week of July 27th, Weaz and Dave Weeks assisted with canoeing, and Sam Rizzotto in the kitchen helped them develop healthy trail menus. They spent a good amount of time in the trip room, prepping trips, packing for trips, and even co-leading a Hilton trip to Crooked River. The first week of second session, the young woodsmen got psyched for their upcoming five days of straight testing. The day before they left, they tested their wet day fire skills, soaking a cedar billet in water for five minutes, and having twenty to build and light a fire, as well as boil a small can of soapy water. The last preparation before their departure, they were both successful.

Immediately after breakfast Monday morning, Ryno, Ben, and Gabe left camp for their week of physical, written, oral, and mental tests. After a quick stop in Rumford for Subway, the three arrived on the Kennebago to be greeted by a group of thirteen girls from Arcadia, their counselors, and the head of the Junior Maine Guide program, Moose Curtis. "Moose," a seven-foot tall, 1964 JMG was very happy to see Birch Rock at testing camp for the first time in almost a quarter-century. They gave the boys bricks for their fire pit, and assigned them a campsite. In half an hour, Ben and Gabe had set up an excellent kitchen tarp, and assembled their tent and fire pit with ease.

The first test after campsite setup was dinner. Becca, the counselor from Arcadia came over for the first meal, and the trail chefs made her pasta with marinara sauce, garlic bread, sliced peppers, and cookies. She gave them a perfect score for their first meal, and talked to them about the week ahead and what to look out for since they didn't have anyone at camp to talk to about JMG.

At testing camp, a tester evaluates every meal, and the grade gets factored into the overall cooking and group encampment grade. The testers rotate for the meals, and go through all twelve camps. The physical testing is on a sign up basis, and the candidate signs up for his or her tests in the morning. Written tests however, can be taken at any time, but must be completed by the end of testing camp. The Birch Rock boys impressed, amazed, and blew away all the evaluators and even some of the other counselors. One counselor from a camp who shall not be named disclosed the fact that he liked Gabe and Ben more than his campers. Their manners and gentleman-like qualities acquired at Birch Rock were clearly on full throttle the whole week.

Wednesday after lunch, a reporter and photographer from the Portland Press Herald stopped by to write a story about the Junior Maine Guide program. Moose was eating lunch with the two Birch Rock gentlemen, and they immediately went to shake the reporters' hands. After a 15 minute or so interview with the boys, the reporters were on their way to scout out the rest of the testing site. They were quite impressed with Birch Rock and decided to include them in the August 9th edition of the Portland Press Herald.

As they finished up with their tests, Gabe and Ben prepared their last supper, and hung out with other campers from Wyonegonic, Arcadia, and Winona. They left Friday morning, blasting "We Are the Champions" by Queen, and drove back to camp. A good time was most certainly had by all.

TURNOVER DAY '09

2009 was full of “epic plot twists” including the turnover trip. We did not attend the well-known Big Adventure Center, but instead hit up the local bowling alley for an afternoon of fun. We all divided up into groups of 5 and had a friendly competition. Following our heated battle we got a serious grub on. Assortments of sandwiches made up the scrumptulescant noontime hunger quench.

Some campers were found playing games at the arcade, probably because they are unable to get their fix of games at the Pete’s Palace Arcade.....I don’t blame them. Following our bowling extravaganza we were fortunate enough to end up at the movie theatre, watching Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince. All in all, it was a wonderful day and a good time was most certainly had by all!

OPTIONS

**Speedsters,
Monsters & More**

4th of July

This year on the 4th of July we had a ton of fun. The whole camp sang songs and we got some candy. After the parade we went back to camp and watched fireworks. They were filled with colors of red, green, blue, and pink. The 4th of July was really fun!!

MULTIPLE



We Want More Government

The C.I.T.'s

Directed by Mike Davis

Starring

Jake Cahill as "Shifty Eyes" Cahill

Bruce Manning as Captain Etch-a-Sketch

Jamie Foley as Lazy Foley

Jake Cohen as the Awkward Camel

Chris Rios as Ese

Ben Howard as Little Benny

Harry Netzer as the Pasty Elitist

Will Brewster as Brosesh

Introducing

Caleb and Sue Davis as the day off companions



We Remember So Well...

Opening day... New Chief's... The return of art... Welcome to the Davis'... "It's not a tradition, it's just a good idea"... Birch Rock gets a wolf pack... Beautiful Intelligence... Georgia... Michael Jackson... Thomas' announcements... McLaughlin wrestling skills... "But, that has nothing to do with what we are eating tonight!"... The Fourth of July Parade... Mosquitoes... Fireworks... Banana splits... Vegemite... The Gage: The Musical... Hoedown Throwdown... Nordy as a robot... Thomas a'wild cat... "Yo Adrian!"... Will Smith and Jerry Manilow... The Hidden Brilliance of Hilton Skits... Geronimo... Too much body paint... Human Stratego... Vlad's visit... Swine Flu... No Garden Party... Grotto... Ah-see-ahh... The real ACA... Zim and Zam, the Zambini Brothers... Terrorist Talk... "Only the women do that"... "Yay! RPGs!"... France is ze weiner... Old Man Energy Day... Matt Clifford... Rainy day **week** activities... "No Disassemble!"... Lady Gaga has a stutter... "Number five is alive!"... 3-D Puzzles... Alasdair's baseball debates... The Recession's affect on Big Adventure... Bowling... Harry Potter... "All hands on deck Grainger!"... New campers arrive... "Are there any intelligent questions?"... Fifth out of five at the Agawam soccer tournament... Agawam and Arcadia Tennis Tourneys... Two Broken Arms... Bro Lax... Cape Lax... Oh Word!... Oh Jinx!... Oh GRCC!... Oh-lan!... Oh Snap!... Eh what?... "Iz for my fazer"... Sea Dogs... JMGs... Arcadia ice cream social... The Boatman... MP... Camper-Staff Baseball Game... Campers Win... Vice and Versa... Internal Crying Disorder... Germ-X-treme... The Yurt is Deserted... Don Miguel and Dave Weeks... "There are fish in the lake" fishing contest... Pincus Visits... Tylox visits... Boothby Face... Ed's Awards... "Don't make me eat the poop"... "You went to bed two hours ago!"... The King laugh... Delayed Birch Rock Cheers... Dickie's crazy whale training... Dickie's crazy aerobics classes... The Big Menorah... Untuck your shirt afternoon... Parkour... Campus Golf... Seniors '09!... WWPHD?... Casino Night... Mark the Shark... The Funeral of Timmy DiBaggio... Ghetto Blaster... Beach Day... Strut Contest... Bromance... "I'll be your Huckleberry"... Duel!... Boothby's Love Story... Dislocated shoulder, No canoeing... "These are shorts, yours are longs"... Sideshow Bebb... Trips... Alumni Day... Kee Soo Cheung... The Game... Don Miguel's Cigar... Dylan Sullivan as a woman... Campfire goes green... Prax2-D2... Cabin Nights... Three long whales... Jeremy lifter swims to the raft... Jeremy lifter swims his duck... Magic gatherings with Pickles... 6 year olds in Cabin 1... No Hilton B or Cabin 2... Casey Jones... Word of the day... James Bond villain sidekick of the day... The Terminator... Club Oasis... Cabin Night: No Knives... Yad Sdrawkcab!... Birch Rock Video Game... MWA returns... Banquet... Awards... Chip Ceremony... Staff Line... Cabin Parties... See ya'll next year...

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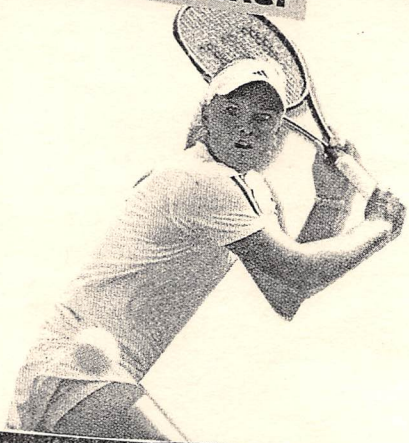
stealing Lance Armstrong's bike.

IT'S ALWAYS

Darth Vader

'Welcome to 1999.'

Horsing
Around



LEADING
OFF

THE MIGHTY
HAVE FALLEN

FINANCIAL CRISIS

'We are
prepared to strangle
people.'